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DAMAGE TO THE TREES.

Snow and Sleet Have Injured Many Young Trees.—Some Remedial Measures That Can be Adopted for the Useful Shade Trees.

The recent heavy rains, followed by sleet and snow, have already caused much damage not only to the forest trees but also to ornamental and shade trees. In the mountain sections of Centre county there is a half inch coating of ice on the limbs and on top of this about three to five inches of heavy snow. This loads down, crushes and breakes off the tops of young trees and breaks off large limbs and branches from the older trees. Young pines and hemlocks are especially susceptible to this injury. Just after the last storm the falling and crashing of trees and breaking of branches and limbs could be heard all over the mountains and everywhere old and valuable shade trees were broken and badly damaged. In one short trip through the woods there were noted in one place ten young pines bent over touching the ground, three pines with the tops broken off completely and two large limbs eight inches in diameter broken from a chestnut and also from a rock oak. The mountain roads and trails are almost impassable for teams because of the many trees bent down to the ground and hanging over the road.

These injuries in the forests are difficult to guard against because they belong to that class known in law as "the acts of God," and for which no remedy or preventive measures are practicable. However, for those who have shade trees or small pine, hemlock, spruce and other ornamental trees planted on their lawns or around their homes, preventive measures may and should be taken, if the trees are to be saved and kept from becoming ugly and misshapen and probably injured permanently. In the first place, shake the snow from the trees with a broom or a long pole and continue this morning and evening so long as the snow falls. Do not allow the snow to lie for any great length of time. The branches of most evergreen lawn trees will spread apart under a heavy load of snow and unless the snow is kept removed, the trees become very badly misshapen and often broken.

Another remedial measure can be adopted when the trees are pruned and trimmed in the spring or fall. If no large crotches or forks are allowed to form in the trees and the growth is kept as near as possible to one central shaft or limb, or the longer branches shortened so that they will not exert too great a leverage, the losses from this injury may be reduced to a minimum. Trees having brittle wood or weak crotches, as the soft or common red maple, the silver maple and the Carolina poplar, are much more liable to this injury than those with tough wood, as the oaks and elms, and therefore need much more pruning. By observing these few precautions and warnings, those who value their lawn and shade trees will likely have little trouble from this damage. This is one case where prevention is better than cure; in fact, it is the only cure.

WALTER LUDWIG.

Boalsburg, Pa., Dec. 14, 1914.

To Contract for Rural Mail Route.

To test the reduction of cost and efficiency of service in rural mail service, the postoffice department wished to make an experiment in one county in each state. The plan was to ascertain whether by contracting with rural routemen the service would be as efficient and at less cost than the present system of civil service under which rural mail carriers secure their positions.

To further economize in his department, Postmaster General Burleson contemplated the reduction in the salary of a large number of postmasters of the presidential class, who he thinks are being paid too liberally for the requirements. To give an idea of these reductions below are given the postoffices in Centre and adjoining counties whose heads would have received less in salary:

Bellefonte would have been reduced from $2500 to $2000; State College, $2500 to $2000; Philipsburg, $2400 to $2000; Huntingdon, $2700 to $2500; Clearfield, $2700 to $2500; Hollidaysburg, $2200 to $2000.

It was also planned to abolish the office of assistant postmaster, which economy could be enforced without lessening the efficiency of the service.

Postmaster General Burleson's whole plan of economy was blocked when a number of Democrats joined the Republicans in the House to defeat a special rule to permit the Postoffice Department to act.

Election of Grange Officers

Progress Grange will hold an election of officers Saturday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, at which time all members are urged to be present.

BOOST FOR CORN SILAGE.

In an Exhaustive Experiment Corn Silage Proves Superior to all Feeds for Fattening.

An experiment conducted at Pennsylvania State College is of particular local interest because of the fact that silos are just coming into use in Penns Valley, and that in this experiment by the department of animal nutrition all old theories were upset, and corn silage was placed at the head of the list as the most profitable feed for fattening cattle.

For more than 140 days 60 head of cattle, with beef blood predominating, were nourished with five distinct lots of feed, and the summary proves, according to Prof. W. H. Tomhave, in charge of the experiment, that farmers persisting in feeding by the old system are losing money. He attributes the changing condition to the high cost of feed, especially bran.

One of the most impressive results obtained, said Prof. Tomhave, was the reduced cost at which beef can be produced by farmers having silos. Corn silage as a beef producer was unexcelled by any other ration. And the experiment included alfalfa, cottonseed meal, shelled corn and hay. A silo, it was shown, preserves the corn crop in a better manner than is possible in harvesting it and husking it, and corn silage is a succulent feed that makes it possible to get the maximum food nutrient available from the other foods fed in combination.

At the termination of the experiment it was concluded that corn silage at $3.50 per ton as the sole roughage is more economical than corn silage and alfalfa hay combined when the latter is $15 per ton. As a source of protein wheat bran at $25 a ton is more expensive, it was learned, than cottonseed meal at $34 a ton. The additional cost of grinding corn was not compensated by greater gains from the steers.

LOCALS

State College is having one or more fires a week, but so far the flames have been confined to the original buildings.

Although there will be no paper next week, this office will be open for business pertaining to printing or receiving of subscriptions.

The B. O. Deininger property, in Millheim, was sold by the heirs at public sale to William A. Stover, of Penn township, for $1,265.

The new laundry building connected with the Bellefonte hospital was put in operation for the first time Wednesday of last week, following the installation of the machinery.

An express load of horses, bought by Thomas Miller, of Philadelphia, and G. E. Homan, of Millheim, was shipped from Coburn station to Philadelphia on Wednesday of last week.

Last winter the first snow to lie on the ground for any length of time began falling on Christmas day and the same snow remained until March. This year the beautiful began falling on the 14th. It is here today, but we are not asking it to remain.

Mr. and Mrs. Witmer E. Lee of near Potters Mills are on a pleasure trip to Pittsburg, where they are being entertained by the former's brother, Arney Lee, and aunt, Mrs. John Mullen. This is the first pleasure tour the couple have taken in ten years, and therefore they are entitled to all the pleasures one can crowd into a period of two weeks.

Hon. W. J. Kepler purchased the hotel at Pine Grove Mills and next spring will take charge of it. Mr. Kepler has been farming one of the best farms in his neighborhood, but the non-licensed hostelry, which for years has been a profitable stand, has attractions of a greater character. The hotel was purchased from R. Reed Randolph.

Mrs. Sarah Larimer, sister-in-law of Mrs. H. L. Curtin, was seriously burned when a lamp exploded in her bed room. She was visiting her sister, and on retiring she turned the wick of the lamp down and in some manner the flame struck the oil and caused the explosion. The woman, aflame and realizing her condition, threw bed blankets over herself, but not before she sustained burns over the greater part of her body.

Zero weather puts to action the thief who makes robes a specialty, and Bellefonte appears to be a good field for operations. John W. Hall of Milesburg, one of the freight crew on the C. R. R. of Pa., is the last to be charged with a theft of this kind, and he is accused of lifting a rain coat at the same time. The articles disappeared from a vehicle belonging to Alva Shroyer, also from Milesburg. Hall claims he found the robe and coat, and when he offered to trade them on a pig to a Hecla Park man, officer Dukeman got busy with the result that Hall was arrested and held for court.

WEEK OF PRAYER, 1915.

Customary Annual Union Meetings of Town Churches to Commence in Lutheran Church, Sunday, January 3.

At a meeting of the local ministerium, at the home of Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Friday, the program for the annual Week of Prayer services was prepared. The meetings will commence Sunday evening, January 3, in the Lutheran church, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. R. Jones. The meetings will be of a union character and a union choir will will render music. The program follows:

PROGRAM

Sunday, January 3rd — Lutheran Church
Subject: "What Did Christ Mean by the 'Kingdom of God?'" Rev. R. R. Jones.

Monday, January 4th — Presbyterian Church
Subject: "The Kingdom and Economics." Rev. W. H. Williams.

Tuesday, January 5th — Presbyterian Church
Subject: "The Kingdom and Mental Development." Rev. D. S. Kurtz.

Wednesday, January 6th — Methodist Church
Subject: "The Kingdom and Recreation." Rev. W. H. Schuyler.

Thursday, January 7th — Methodist Church
Subject: "The Kingdom and Politics." Rev. F. H. Foss.

Friday, January 8th — Evangelical Church
Subject: "The Kingdom and Brotherhood." Rev. W. H. Williams.

Saturday, January 9th — Evangelical Church
Subject: "The Kingdom—Its Vitalizing Power." Rev. D. S. Kurtz.

Sunday, January 10th — Reformed Church
Subject: "How to Become and Continue a Citizen of the Kingdom." Rev. F. H. Foss.

Services throughout the week at 7:15 o'clock.

It is designed to devote each meeting to prayer, praise, and a sermon.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

Music Book used, "Great Revival Hymns No. 2."

Music by a union choir.

Pray daily for the success of the meetings and for God's blessing upon the community.

An offering will be taken each evening to defray expenses and for the benefit of the American Bible Society.

Reformed Christmas Service.

The Sunday-school connected with the Reformed church in Centre Hall was first to hold its Christmas service in town, and did so on Sunday evening. The main audience room and a greater part of the Sunday-school room were filled with attentive listeners. The title of the service was "The Traveler," a Christmas song story in two parts for reader and chorus. The reading was by the pastor, Rev. R. R. Jones, and the music by the entire Sunday-school, except a few selections which were well rendered by some of the younger ladies as duets and quartets. The pianist was Miss Rebecca Kramer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Kramer, a girl of sixteen. The voluntary rendered by her was charmingly executed and would have been a credit to one much more mature in years.

The offering taken was for the support of the orphan's home at Womelsdorf, which institution is wholly supported by the Reformed church. The home depends upon offerings made at the Christmas season for its support, and to date these have been sufficient for the purpose. The contribution made at this particular service was over $30.

Home for Christmas.

At no other time in the year is the desire to be at home greater than at the Christmas time. Families everywhere make a special effort to be together at this most joyous of all festive occasions. In Centre Hall there are many homes that need but the return of a son or daughter from some institution of learning to complete the family circle. Those who are at home now and will remain until after New Year are: Miss Elizabeth Boozer, who is teaching a public school at Ramey; Miss Ruth Smith, a student at the Bloomsburg Normal; James Lingle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lycurgus Lingle, William Reish, and George Boozer, who are all students in the Mercersburg Academy; Henry Mitterling, a freshman in Franklin and Marshall College; Gross Allison, a senior in the State University of Kentucky, Lexington; Ralph Homan, William and George Swartz, the former taking a business course at Selinsgrove and the latter two the regular course at the Selinsgrove University.

Seventy Speakers for Farmers' Week.

Farmers' Week will be observed at State College from December 28 to January 2 and there will be seventy to seventy-five speakers of note who will participate in the daily programs. Subjects pertaining to the feeding of stock, the raising of draft horses, testing butter, retail marketing of fruit, fruit trees, chemistry, spraying, cooking, potato culture and scores of similar subjects of interest to farmers will be treated by experts.

It is probably better to resolve to patch up some of the old broken resolutions than to make new ones. Of course, a good promise made to yourself and kept for a week is better than not to do any good at all.

Dr. Surface for a Cabinet Officer.

While everyone realizes that it is the privilege of Dr. Brumbaugh to select his own cabinet, he will not resent the urging of particularly fitted men for particular places. Believing this to be the case, the Reporter joins the host that is urging the governor-elect to name Dr. H. A. Surface, for many years economic zoologist, the head of the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Surface has been a valuable man in his sphere of work. He is an originator and builder, the kind of man needed for an efficient Secretary of Agriculture.

The Sick.

The latter part of last week, Hon. Leonard Rhone returned from Ohio where he visited a sister, and immediately took his bed. For the first few days his condition was serious, his suffering being due to an attack of pleurisy together with other complications. He is now improving gradually.

Although quite seriously ill for a week D. F. Luse is holding his own and his friends anticipate his recovery in the course of time. His illness began with grip. A trained nurse is taking care of him.

Mrs. D. A. Boozer, who had an attack of tonsilitis, has fully recovered.

B. H. Emerick suffered for a few days because of a rye beard that lodged in his throat and festered. From this he recovered but now is sufferering from tonsilitis.

Mrs. J. W. Mitterling is confined to bed. Her illness has extended over a period of several weeks. Mr. Mitterling, who had also been ill, has recovered.

The Destroyer of Illusions.

Intimate companionship either makes or destroys one's reputation among those who pass their working hours in his company or under his influence. Not one of us is perfect. Most have a weakness or two, hidden from the observation of the passing acquaintance or the casual visitor, but clearly visible to the members of one's household or to those among whom one works or idles. When the members of a man's family are ready to fight for him and when their affection has stood the test of years, that is not an evidence that he has a perfect character, but it does go to prove that he has been considerate for their comfort and happiness and that he is not so selfish as to put his own pleasure above every other consideration. A man is not always what his intimates credit him with being, but they are pretty fair judges of character and it is not unfair to give him the benefit of the doubt. On the other hand—but why go into that side of human nature.

Court News.

The second week of December court adjourned Wednesday of last week. These cases were not reported in the proceedings printed in the last issue of the Reporter: J. G. Miller and J. H. Fulmer of DuBois brought suit against W. W. Keichline & Company, Bellefonte, to recover deposit money and reimburse them for the inconvenience of not being able to secure several automobiles they claimed to have purchased from the Keichlines. In 1912 the Clearfield firm, by telephone and letter, contracted for several automobiles, and when they came on to Bellefont they found the Keichlines would not make good their part of the contract, claiming the sale was made subject to whether or not their sales contract would permit them to do business in Clearfield county. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $282.85, subject to the question of law reserved by the Court whether or not there was any evidence to sustain a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

WILL BE A CHRISTMAS BRIDE.

Miss Elizabeth Saunders and Raymond J. Miller to be Married Tomorrow at Pine Grove Mills.

To-morrow, Christmas day, Miss Elizabeth Olene Saunders and Raymond J. Miller will be united in marriage by Rev. L. Stoy Spangler, pastor of the Lutheran church at Pine Grove Mills. The affair will be a quiet one and will be witnessed by only the mother of the bride and a cousin, Miss Grace Dale.

The party will leave Centre Hall by automobile and immediately following the ceremony will return to the bride's home in Centre Hall where a few invited guests will join them in partaking of an elaborate turkey dinner.

The honeymoon trip will be delayed until after Mr. Miller finishes his work as teacher in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in June. Following this they will start housekeeping in the City of Brotherly Love.

The bride is the only child of Mrs. Kathryn Saunders, and while very young in years, not having yet attained her seventeenth birthday, is nevertheless qualified to assume the responsibilities of wifehood. She is pleasant in demeanor and is an attractive young lady who has a large circle of friends among the younger set locally. The groom is a native of the city of Reading and is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, class of 1914, in the department of chemistry. It was while a student here that the friendship between the young couple started which culminated so happily.

The Reporter and its friends extend congratulations.

Letter from North Dakota.

Editor: Please find enclosed postal money order for $1 50 which please apply to my subscription for another year. This past season has been a quite successful one; crops were good as well as prices.

Winter has come a bit ahead of schedule time. It "wintered in" on the 7th of this month with five inches of snow and has been holding fort ever since. On the 10th the thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero. We are having a good show for an old-fashioned winter. Stock is going into winter in good condition. We have lots of feed, although with numerous prairie fires this fall there were thousands of tons of good hay consumed by these fires which mostly came from sparks from railroad engines. We had four fires which came from the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. which cost this company one hundred thousand dollars. I received $175 00 for hay and grass land which one fire burned for me.

Wishing you and all my friends in old Centre county a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, I am

Very truly,
LOTT R. EVANS.

Petrel, N. D., Dec. 19, 1914.

Transfers of Real Estate.

John F. Schnars et ux to William Biddle, tract of land in Philipsburg boro. $600.

Louisa H. Atherton et al to William M. Biddle, tract of land in Philipsburg boro. $75.

George Stiver to Roy Stiver, tract of land in Worth twp. $825.

Jennie K. Reifsnyder et al to Ralph E. Stover, tract of land in Haines twp. $162.

Harry Boulton et ux to Ramey Water Company, tract of land in Rush twp. $2,500.

Elizabeth Garbrick et bar to Emma L. Noll, tract of land in Walker and Spring twp. $9,000.

Midland Mining Company to Pennsylvania R. R. Co., 2 tracts of land in Snow Shoe twp. $1.

Andrew J. Brokerhoff et ux to Patrick Garrity, Jr., tract of land in Potter twp. $375.

James M. Moyer, Exr., to Walter Garrity, tract of land in Potter twp. $450.

Jasper N. Brooks et ux to A. D. Smetzler, tract of land in Spring twp. $775.

Jerry Glenn et al to Pennsylvania R. R. Co., tract of land in Howard twp. $850

No Paper Next Week.

In keeping with the time-honored custom, The Centre Reporter will not be published next week. With this issue is completed the fifty numbers, and the remainder of the old year, comprising the Christmas season, will be allowed the Reporter force to enjoy with the rest of humanity. That every reader and those dear to them may have the merriest of all Christmases and a bright and happy New Year is the wish of the Reporter. The next issue will appear January 7, 1915

Charles W. Weaver of Millmont attended the funeral of James Searson, at Linden Hall, Wednesday of last week, and circulated among friends in Centre Hall for a few days.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Get your New Year's resolutions ready.

Miss Edith Sankey of Potters Mills spent a few days this week at the home of Hon. L. Rhone.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clayton Wagner, Tuesday of last week.

No paper will be issued from this office next week, but we will all be here for business in other lines.

Miss Sophronia Fye of Coburn is spending a few days at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Homan.

Miss Margaret Goodhart is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. H. Glenn, at South Carlisle.

Curtis Bierly has been appointed postmaster for Rebersburg. He succeeds Snyder Miller, who held the position for a number of years.

Mrs. Mary M. Farner of Colyer announces that her entire stock of fall and winter millinery goods is offered for sale at greatly reduced prices.

A few weeks ago it was stated in these columns that Clement Luse had rented his home in Centre Hall. It is now learned that the property has not been leased but is awaiting a tenant.

Upon the recommendation of a grand jury, the commissioners of Snyder county will remodel the court house, in Middleburg, on a very moderate scale.

Bruce Stump, an express messenger on the Pennsy from Altoona to Pittsburgh, is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stump, near Centre Hall.

Eleventh-hour Christmas shoppers will find excellent suggestions in the advertisements appearing in this paper today. Read them carefully and then go to inspect the goods.

The local K. G. E. lodge will hold a special meeting Friday night preparatory to their installation which takes place Friday, January 1st. Refreshments will be served at the special meeting.

Prof. H. A. Dodson, D. Ross Bushman, T. L. Moore and Miss Helen Bartholomew—the teachers of the borough schools—are in attendance upon the teachers' county institute at Bellefonte, this week.

Miss Pearl Kurtz, daughter of Rev. and Mrs D. S. Kurtz, arrived in Centre Hall from Syracuse University, New York, Saturday, and is assisting her parents in arranging their new home.

Miss M. Delinda Potter left on Saturday for Penns Grove, New Jersey, where she will spend a week with Miss Florence Mitchell. The young ladies formed an intimate friendship during their college days at Bucknell University.

Zoline, while it will do all that was ever claimed for it in taking the place of gasoline, can not be manufactured cheaply enough to supplant the product of the Oil Trust, so for the present we must pay the price for gasoline and wait awhile longer for a cheap substitute.

The Tyrone Times of last week contained this item of news: Leonard Rhone of Centre Hall, in company with Roger T. Bayard, called at our office Friday. Mr. Rhone is a past State Master of the Grange, and was just returning from Meadville, where he had conferred the sixth degree upon a number of eligibles. A side trip to Cleveland was a point of interest on his journey.

In its marriage license register last week, the Reporter erred in printing the name of Miss Mary Shlegal instead of Miss Mary Snavely. The difficulty to distinguish the difference in the names over the telephone was responsible for the error. Both young ladies happen to be residents of Spring Mills, but Miss Shlegal is at present employed in the Philipsburg hospital as nurse in the surgical department. Another notice of the marriage of Miss Snavely appears elsewhere in this paper.

Ned F. Church, a prominent resident of Mifflinburg, was accidentally shot and killed in a rooming house at Scranton, Sunday of last week, by a Mrs. McLaughlin. Mr. Church was employed at Scranton and on the day of the tragedy invited the proprietors of the house, together with Mrs. McLaughlin, also a roomer, to his room to see some pictures he had in his satchel. Taking a revolver from his bag he handed it to Mrs. McLaughlin, remarking jokingly, "Here, shoot yourself while you're happy." Upon taking hold of the gun it was discharged, and the bullet entered the back of Mr. Church and pierced a lung. He died in twenty minutes, but absolved the woman from all blame before his death.

GERMANS REPORT RUSSIANS WHIPPED, CALL IT BIGGEST VICTORY OF THE WAR; REJOICE OVER THE RAID ON ENGLAND

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Czar's Armies Hammered Back on Whole Front by Big Drive---Abandon Positions in Poland and Galicia

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BIG ADVANCES ARE MADE BY THE ALLIES

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London.—A powerful German fleet slipped trough the cordon of naval defence which had made the coast of England inviolate for centuries, bombarded the cities of Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby, on the Yorkshire coast, 310 miles from Helgoland, killed nearly fifty civilians and soldiers and wounded hundreds, destroyed an immense amount of property and escaped to sea.

The squadron which shelled Hartlepool, where the bombardment was most destructive to life and property, was composed, the Admiralty announces, of two battle cruisers and an armored cruiser, while from four to six light cruisers attacked Scarborough and Whitby. It is officially announced that at Hartlepool alone seven soldiers were killed and fourteen wounded and twenty-two civilians were killed and fifty were wounded. The Admiralty places the casualties at Scarborough at eleven, but refugees from that city say that eighteen persons were killed there. At Whitby two were killed and two wounded.

England Alarmed and Enraged.

tl was the most daring and successful exploit the Germans have performed in the war, amazing in its daring and savage thoroughness. All England is alarmed and enraged because a squadron of Germany's most dangerous war craft was permitted to escape from the Kiel Canal and remain undetected long enough to give England men a terrible experience of the horrors of war that have come to Belgium and France.

There is fear that an invasion will be attempted, but there is more reason to believe that the devastating raid was the first stroke of a great coup which Germany, it is positively known, has been planning for weeks—a concerted rush of battle cruisers and dreadnoughts from Helgoland and the mouth of the Elbe, and an attempt to ruin British commerce on the Atlantic before their inevitable destruction by the superior British fleet.

The squadron that shelled the Yorkshire coast escaped practically unharmed. The organized pursuit that followed the frantic alarms and appeals by wireless, and that drew England's great ships from the Firth of Forth, from Aberdeen, from the mouth of the Thames and from their stations at sea, could not catch up or cut off the fast steaming raiders. The Germans had in their favor a heavy mist, which covered the sea, and they made a rapid withdrawal after raining shells on the coast towns for about thirty minutes—at Hartlepool from 8:15 a. m., to 8:50 a. m.

Nearly four hundred casualties, eighty-three killed and approximately three hundred wounded, are the last figures of the results of the German raid on the east coast. Only seven killed and fourteen wounded were soldiers, while of the civilians a large proportion was women and children.

London.—The Allies have begun their great advance, intending to drive the Germans out of Belgium. Changing their campaign plans, General Joffre and Field Marshal French are now pressing the attack which they had intended to delay until spring. The reason for the change is believed to be the Allies' numerical superiority, together with the fact that Earl Kitchener's troops are much better seasoned now than had been anticipated.

In three weeks' time, according to the Allies' reckoning, the Germans may be driven back to their second line. By spring they may be forced across their own border, unless they should withdraw considerable forces from their eastern front.

The present onslaught upon the German intrenchments is heavier than any offensive assumed by the French, British and Belgian forces since Gen. von Kluck was driven back on the Aisne.

KAISER NOT SHAKEN BY LOSSES.

Hopes Defeat Off Falklands Will Be Turned Into a Blessing.

Berlin.—An official statement given out at headquarters contains copies of telegrams exchanged between Emperor William and Johannes Kaempf, President of the Reichstag, regarding the naval battle off the Falkland Islands.

In answer to the telegram of President Kaempf regarding the German loss in this battle, in which Herr Kaempf said that the nation was one with the Emperor in grief at the loss and with pride at the heroic deaths resulting from the fight.

COSTS $200,000,000 A MONTH.

France's War Bill for Half Year Placed at $1,185,888,573.

Paris.—The cost of the war to France for the first six months in 1915 is officially figured at 5,929,442,865 francs ($1,185,888,573) or about $200,000,000 monthly.

The appropriations committee of the French Parliament met, with a full attendance, to consider the budget, which aggregates for the first six months in 1915 a total of 8,525,264,407 francs ($1,705,052,881).

BERLIN REJOICES IN VICTORY.

Berlin, via London.—The people of Berlin were aroused to enthusiasm over the announcement of a great Austro-German victory over the Russians in Poland. The official bulletin read:

The Russian offensive against Silesia and Posen has completely broken down. In the whole of Poland the enemy was forced to retreat after fierce, stubborn frontal battles, and is being pursued everywhere.

During the fighting in Northern Poland the bravery of the West Prussian Hessian regiments gained a victory. The effect of this victory cannot yet be estimated.

Within half an hour extra editions of papers appeared and the whole city literaly flashed into bunting.

American visitors, who a few days ago commented upon the non-display of flags, scarcely recognized the streets, which everywhere were gay with the German black, white and red, and the Austrian orange and black, at many places intertwined.

At the Reichstag, where a meeting was in session, word was received from the palace that the greatest victory of the war had been won. The schools closed so that the children could asemble to celebrate the event.

The first intimation of the nature and extent of the Russian defeat was circulated in official quarters, but nothing was known of it generally until the official bulletin was published. It had been undertsood that the Russians were in a precarious condition but it was not hinted that a decisive result was at hand.

It is now known that thousands of Russians have been taken prisoners

All the newspapers hail the victory as the most brilliant achievement in the campaign. One of them, coupling the Eastern situation with the bombardment of the east coast of England, says that while the naval guns were thundering "it was a salute for the victory in the East and the overthrow of the Russian steam roller which was to crush its way to Berlin."

"Never since this old earth has had a history," says the Lokal Anzeiger, "has such a gigantic battle been fought. Seldow in centuries has there been an event of such decisive importance. The battle of Poland will be classed in history among the victories of the first rank. It will be mentioned in the same breath with the battles of Salamis and Leipsic. We have to thank von Hindenberg and the desperate courage of his troops who fought under the glorious banners of Germany and Austria."

BELGRADE RETAKEN BY SERBS; VIENNA ADMITS DEFEATS

London. — The Servians, after a fierce battle, have reoccupied Belgrade, according to a Nish dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company.

The most striking feature of the latest official news was the admission by the Austrian Government of the defeat of the Austrian army in Servia and apparently of the abandonment of its third attempt at invasion of the territory of its small Slav neighbor. The announcement was made in Vienna.

The French Government, issuing official Servian reports, says that the Austrians are retiring on all fronts after losing 28,000 prisoners, 74 cannon and 44 machine guns and that the Servian advance is under full headway.

PITH OF THE WAR NEWS

The Germans declared that French attacks between the River Meuse and the Vosges Mountains had been repulsed.

Since the beginning of the war the Austrians have lost 36 commanding Generals, 190 Colonels and other officers in proportion.

Russia's invasion of the plains of Hungary has been checked and the Austrians are driving the Cossacks back through Dukla Pass to the Galician side of the Carpathians. This is admitted by Petrograd.

In Alsace hard fighting continues, with both sides alternately on the offensive. The French have pushed forward 10 miles over the border to a point north of Altkirch.

Forward along the whole 100-mile line from the North Sea to the Oise go the Allied armies, and the long talked about general advance upon the German invaders of France and Belgium is at last under way.

A proclamation was issued bringing to an end the Turkish suzerainty over Egypt and establishing a British protectorate.

Turkey has humbly apoligized to Italy for the invasion of the Italian consulate at Hodeida.

From the Franco-Belgian border south to around Peronne appreciable progress by the Allies is reported.

A LION HUNT IN NEW YORK

Six Escape From Stage of Theatre and Cause Panic.

ONE IS KILLED IN TENEMENT

Policeman Shot By Brother Officer Before Lioness That Invades a Nearby Apartment-House Is Killed.

New York. — Six trained lions escaped from their cage on the stage of an East Eighty-sixth street vaudeville theatre and, bounding into the audience, consisting principaly of women and children, created a panic.

One lioness, Alice, the largest of the pack, escaped into a crowded street. Policemen pursued her into the hallway of a nearby apartment-house, and in shooting at her probably fatally wounded a companion, Sergeant Daniel Glenn. Two other officers were slightly wounded by the claws of the beast in a battle at close range.

At sight of the lions hundreds of persons in the theatre fled, screaming, to the exits, mothers, delayed by gathering up their children, crowded into corners and places of supposed safety. Scores fainted, and many, numbed by the sight of the animals among them, sat transfixed in their seats.

Lioness Ferocious.

With the exception of Alice, none of the beasts displayed great ferocity. A few persons who got in their paths were scratched, but none of them was seriously hurt.

Five of the animals were roaming about the theater when the last of the audience escaped. In their rush to safety, spectators left behind all kinds of wearing apparel and personal belongings. Meantime, the beasts roamed over the house from gallery to basement. An hour after the last spectator left they were rounded up in the lobby and driven into their shipping boxes, none of them being injured.

Three arrests were made on charges of criminal negligence. Those in custody are La Belle Andree, the lions' trainer; C. A. Turnquist, their keeper, and George H. Hamilton, manager of the attraction. The lions were owned by Francis Ferari, a showman, who has been exhibiting them at carnivals during the summer.

The animal act had been completed and a song and dance quartet held the stage in front of the first drop when the lions escaped as they were about to be transferred from the steel exhibition cage to their shipping box.

$200,000,000 A MONTH.

Official Estimate Of War's Cost To France.

Paris.—The cost of the war to France for the first six months in 1915 is officially figured at 5,929,442,865 francs ($1,185,888,573) or about $200,000,000 monthly. This total is in addition to the usual expenditures of the army, but it includes $101,400,000 allowed to families of soldiers, $4,000,000 to persons out of employment, $10,200,000 for the maintenance of persons driven from their homes by the German invasion and to various other items directly due to the war.

The appropriations' committee of the French parliament met to consider the budget which aggregates for the first six months in 1915 a total of 8,525,264,407 francs ($1,705,052,881).

The rate of $200,000,000 monthly for next year is about the scale of expenditures for the five months of war in the present year.

7 KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

Nine Badly Injured In Cleveland Apartment House.

Cleveland.—A natural gas explosion in a two-story apartment house killed not less than seven and perhaps 14 persons seriously injured nine and wrecked the two-story building. Windows for a block around were broken and persons in a drug store across the street were thrown off their feet and injured by broken glass. The exact cause of the explosion has not been ascertained. A strong odor of escaping gas had been noticed in the vicinity. A photograph studio occupied the first floor of the apartment and it is supposed the escaping gas became ignited there. The explosion blew out the walls of the building and the wreckage at once caught fire. Firemen dragged the dead and dying from the blazing mass at the risk of their lives.

FUNSTON HOME ON LONG LEAVE.

Sees Daughter Born While He Was At Vera Cruz.

San Francisco. — Major - General Funston saw for the first time Thursday a daughter born to him while he was in command at Vera Cruz.

The General arrived here on a leave of absence, which began December 6 and will last until February 6. His wife and family have been living at the Presidio and he will take up his residence there during his stay. General Funston said he understood unofficially that his next command would be the Departemnt of the South, with headquarters at San Antonio, Texas. Before taking charge, however, he may apply for an extension of his leave.

WAR SIDELIGHTS

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NOTORIOUS BANK ROBBER KILLED

Frank Hohl Slain After Two Bold Jobs.

FALLS IN DUEL WITH POLICE

Famous Automobile Bandit Shot Down After Robbing Two Banks. Police Trace Him To His Apartment.

Cincinnati.—The life of Frank G. Hohl, notorious automobile bandit, ended here following a three hours' career of crime, which included the robbing of two Cincinnati banks, following the theft of an automobile and a pistol duel with policemen that resulted with almost certain fatal wounds to one officer and the death of the bandit. Thirteen thousand and one hundred dollars is missing as the result of the bank robberies and the police are confident that Hohl, in his wild automobile drives, managed to pass this money along to some confederate.

The beginning of Hohl's end started shortly after 10 A. M., when he entered the West End branch of the Provident Savings Bank and Trust Company, Eighth and Freeman avenues, fired two shots at Cashier Edward Hughes, scooped up $8,000 in currency, backed through the door, jumped into a waiting automobile, which had been stolen, and disappeared. Cashier Hughes fired after the robber, but his shots did not take effect.

Shot By Police.

While the police were searching for the bandit more than an hour later, he entered the Liberty Banking and Savings Company Bank at Liberty and Freeman avenues, ten blocks away, fired two shots at Cashier George Winters, grabbed what proved to be $5,100 in currency, ran to his automobile and again disappeared. The shots were so close to Winters that he was powder burned, but other than suffering from the shock he was uninjured.

Almost two hours later Harry Buckshorn, whose mother conducts an apartment house on West Ninth street, informed the police of the similarity of a man who rented a room there with a description given of the bandit. Three policemen called at the room, and upon knocking, the door was suddenly thrown open and the bandit opened fire, at the same time brushing past the officers, one of whom, Policeman Edward Knoul, was probably fatally wounded. He again ran to his automobile which was standing at a nearby corner and bid fair to again make good his escape, but in rounding a corner the machine crashed into a telegraph pole and was wrecked. The bandit jumped out and opened fire on the other two officers who had pursued him. In the battle that followed Hohl fell with four bullet wounds in his body and died shortly afterwards at the hospital.

Notorious Bandit.

He was identified by Cashier Hughes, of the Provident Bank, as the man who had robbed his bank, and later a comparison of a picture of Hohl to the dead man was made and proved with other signs of identification to the satisfaction of the police that the dead man was Hohl.

$321,700,514 FOR U. S. MAILS.

House Committee Refuses Aeroplane Test Allowance.

Washington, D. C.—Appropriations aggregating $321,700,514 for the conduct of the postal service are carried by the Postoffice bill reported to the House. No provision for extension of the postal service to Alaska and Porto Rico telegraph and telephone lines, as recommended by Postmaster-General Burleson, was included, and other department proposals were rejected by the committee. The department, however, was authorized to experiment on contracts for rural free delivery routes. Readjustment of salaries for rural carriers is proposed. An appropriation of $50,000 for experiments in aerial mail delivery is refused.

CHARITIES WILL BE PROBED NEXT

Rockefeller and Russell Sage Foundations Included.

BIG MEN TO BE SUMMONED

Investigation For Purpose Of Determining How Their Polices Are Shaped and Whether They Are a Menace Or Benefit.

Denver, Col.—Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, announced that the commission would begin an investigation of the Russell Sage Foundation, the Baron de Hirsch Fund, all the Carnegie benevolences and all the Rockefeller charities, in addition to the Rockefeller Foundation. This investigation will open in New York January 11.

In the investigation of the various foundations, according to Chairman Walsh, the commission will seek to determine "how their policies are shaped and by whom, their relations to high finance, the extent to which their charters may be stretched under the United States Constitution, and whether they constitute a menace or a benefit to the nation."

Among the witnesses who will be summond, according to Mr. Walsh's announcement, are President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale; Dr. Clarence W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard; Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., J. P. Morgan, Daniel Guggenheim, E. H. Gary, T. N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; George W. Perkins, Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York; T. P. Shonts, Jacob Schiff, John Hays Hammond, millionaire mine owner; Cleveland H. Dodge, New York financier; H. C. Frick, Seth Low, Samuel Untermyer. The calling of John D. Rockefeller, senior, to the stand, according to Mr. Walsh, has not yet been decided upon.

Mr. Walsh said the commission proposed to investigate the charge that the creation of the Rockefeller and other foundations represents the commencement of "an effort to perpetuate the present position of predatory wealth, through the corruption of the sources of public information."

POTTSVILLE, PA., HAS BIG FIRE.

Business Block Burned and $1,000,000 Damage Done.

Pottsville, Pa.—Fire in the business section of Pottsville wiped out property valued at about $1,000,000. An entire block of business buildings which were stocked with holiday goods were destroyed. It was the worst fire in Pottsville's history. The area burned over is bounded by Centre, Second, Norwegian and Manhantonga streets. Twenty stores, the Pennsylvania National Bank and the Academy of Music, one of Pottsville's leading playhouses, were among the buildings destroyed. The postoffice caught fire, but was not badly damaged.

WANTS TREATIES RATIFIED.

Those With Nicaragua and Colombia Cause Bryan Anxiety.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Bryan reiterated his determination to see ratification by the Senate during the present session of Congress of the Nicaraguan Canal Treaty and the Colombian Indemnity Treaty. Both have met with determined opposition, but Mr. Bryan is hopeful that they will be consummated before adjournment next March.

WILSON TO GET UP EARLY.

Will Push Button At 3 A. M. January 1 To Open San Diego Fair.

Washington, D. C.—To push an electric button giving a signal for opening the San Diego, Cal., exposition on the beginning of the new year, President Wilson will be awakened before three o'clock New Year's morning. He will push the button at midnight, Pacific Coast time, which is 3 A. M. here.

MORE TROOPS SENT TO NACO

Conditions Force Adoption of Precautionary Measures.

MAY HAVE TO TAKE ACTION

The Additional Troops Will Bring Gen. Bliss' Force Up To Equal Strength With the Mexicans In Case Of a Crisis.

Washington, D. C.—Further demonstration was made by the United States Government of its determination not to tolerate continued firing by the Mexican factions at Naco, Sonora, into American territory.

President Wilson, after a brief discussion with his Cabinet, instructed Secretary Garrison to comply with the request of Brig.-Gen. Tasker H. Bliss at Naco, Arizona, for reinforcements to handle a possible emergency situation. Three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery were ordered to Naco.

The general understanding in Administration quarters was that as soon as the additional American forces were placed in position on the international line the United States would return any artillery or infantry fire which might come from Mexican territory. As it will require three days for the troops to reach Naco, the Mexican factions have virtually that period within which to comply with the American demands or be shelled out of their positions.

Reinforcements ordered will bring the total force of the American Army at Naco to about 5,000 men, including 11 troops of cavalry, 3 regiments of infantry and 6 batteries of artillery, with 24 guns.

Between 100 and 150 Mexicans, many of them once prominent officially, have been secretly executed in Mexico City within the last few days, according to an official report which reached the United States Government from one of its agents there.

Just who ordered the executions has not been disclosed, nor are any of the names of those put to death known.

Villa Troops In Guadalajara.

El Paso, Tex.—Guadalajara, second largest city in Mexico, has been captured by Villa's troops, according to an official report given out by the Villa consular agent here.

It was learned from independent sources that a strong column of Carranza troops was moving to attack Torreon, the dominant position of Central Mexico. Torreon is defended by no more than 1,000 Villa troops, while the Carranza strength is estimated at 8,000.

EXPORTS CONTINUE TO GROW.

Balance Of Trade In Our Favor In November Was $79,299,417.

Washington, D. C.—November foreign trade statistics show a balance of trade in favor of the United States of $79,299,417 for the month. The balance in favor of the United States was $56,630,650 for October and $16,341,722 for September, while in August the balance was $19,400,406 against the United States.

November's exports, just announced by the Department of Commerce, totalled $205,766,424 and imports $126,467,007. There was a decrease of $71,000,000, in the exports of cotton against November, 1913, but all other articles as a whole showed a net increase of $31,000,000.

CLOSE CALL FOR SEAMAN'S BILL.

Committee Decides Not To Report It, But Will Act Later.

Washington, D. C.—The Seaman's bill had a narrow escape from death in the Senate Commerce Committee. It passed both houses at the last session of Congress and, after being amended in the House, was recommitted by the Senate instead of being referred to conference. The committee, by a vote of 7 to 5 decided not to report the measure, but then, on reconsideration, agreed to take it up again for further consideration December 31. It was determined, however, that no further hearings would be held.

MUST NOT CRITICIZE TURKS

Americans Writing To Friends May Make Trouble For Them.

Washington, D. C.—Americans writing to their friends in Turkey should be careful not to criticize Turks or their government, according to authoritative advices reaching here from the Ottoman Empire. The Turkish authorities open most letters, it was stated, and Americans in Turkey may suffer inconveniences as a result of unneutral statements.

HOT DENIALS IN HOUSE.

Bartholdt, Vollmer and Lobeck Nail Anti-German Charges.

Washington, D. C. — Published charges that Congressional resolutions to prevent the export of munitions to war from the United States were designed to aid Germany were indignantly denounced in the House by Representatives Bartholdt, Vollmer and Lobeck.

The Call of the Cumberlands

By Charles Neville Buck

With Illustrations from Photographs of Scenes in the Play

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SYNOPSIS.

On Misery creek, at the foot of a rock from which he has fallen, Sally Miller finds George Lescott, a landscape painter, unconscious, and after reviving him, goes for assistance Samson South and Sally, taking Lescott to Samson's home, are met by Spicer South, head of the family, who tells them that Jesse Purvy has been shot and that Samson is suspected of the crime. Samson denies it. The shooting of Jesse Purvy breaks the truce in the Hollman-South feud.

CHAPTER IV—Continued.

He sauntered down the road, but, when he had passed out of vision, he turned sharply into the woods, and began climbing. His steps carried him to the rift in the ridge where the white oak stood sentinel over the watch tower of rock. As he came over the edge from one side his bare feet making no sound, he saw Sally sitting there, with her hands resting on the moss and her eyes deeply troubled She was gazing fixedly ahead and her lips were trembling. At once Samson's face grew black. Some one had been making Sally unhappy. Then he saw beyond her a standing figure, which the tree trunk had hitherto concealed. It was the loose-knitted figure of young Tamarack Spicer.

"In course," Spicer was saying, "we don't 'low Samson shot Jesse Purvy, but them Hollmans 'll 'spicion him, an' I heered just now thet them dawgs was trackin' straight up hyar from the mouth of Misery. They'll git hyar against sundown."

Samson leaped violently forward. With one hand he roughly seized his cousin's shoulder and wheeled him about.

"Shet up!" he commanded. "What d——n fool stuff hev ye been tellin' Sally?"

For an instant the two clansmen stood fronting each other. Samson's face was set and wrathful. Tamarack's was surly and snarling. "Hain't I got a license ter tell Sally the news?" he demanded.

"Nobody hain't got no license," retorted the younger man in the quiet of cold anger, "ter tell Sally nothin' thet'll fret her."

"She air bound ter know hit all pretty soon. Them dawgs—"

"Didn't I tell ye ter shet up?" Samson clenched his fists, and took a step forward. "Ef ye opens yore mouth again, I'm a-goin' ter smash hit. Now, git!"

Tamarack Spicer's face blackened, and his teeth showed. His right hand swept to his left arm-pit. Outwardly he seemed weaponless, but Samson knew that concealed beneath the hickory shirt was a holster, worn mountain fashion.

"What air ye a-reachin' atter, Tam'rack?" he inquired, his lips twisting in amusement.

"Thet's my business."

"Well, git hit out—or git out yeself, afore I throws ye offen the cliff."

Sally showed no symptoms of alarm. Her confidence in her hero was absolute. The boy lifted his hand, and pointed off down the path. Slowly and with incoherent muttering, Spicer took himself away. Then only did Sally rise. She came over, and laid a hand on Samson's shoulder. In her blue eyes, the tears were welling.

"Samson," she whispered, "ef they're atter ye, come ter my house. I kin hide ye out. Why didn't ye tell me Jesse Jurvey'd done been shot?"

"Hit tain't nothin' ter fret about, Sally," he assured her. He spoke awkwardly, for he had been trained to regard emotion as unmanly. "Thar hain't no danger."

She gazed searchingly into his eyes, and then, with a short sob, threw her arms around him, and buried her face on his shoulder.

"Ef anything happens ter ye, Samson," she said, brokenly, "hit'll jest kill me. I couldn't live withouten ye, Samson. I jest couldn't do hit!"

The boy took her in his arms, and pressed her close. His eyes were gazing off over her bent head, and his lips twitched. He drew his features into a scowl, because that was the only expression with which he could safeguard his feelings. His voice was husky.

"I reckon, Sally," he said, "I couldn't live withouten you, neither."

The party of men who had started at morning from Jesse Purdy's store had spent a hard day. The roads followed creek-beds, crossing and recrossing waterways in a fashion that gave the bloodhounds a hundred baffling difficulties. Often, their noses lost the trail, which had at first been so surely taken. Often, they circled and whined, and halted in perplexity, but each time they came to a point where, at the end, one of them again raised his muzzle skyward, and gave voice.

Toward evening, they were working up Misery along a course less broken. The party halted for a moment's rest, and, as the bottle was passed, the man from Lexington, who had brought the dogs and stayed to conduct the chase, put a question:

"What do you call this creek?"

"Hit's Misery."

"Does anybody live on Misery that—er—that you might suspect?"

The Hollmans laughed.

"This creek is settled with Souths thicker'n hops."

The Lexington man looked up. He knew what the name of South meant to a Hollman.

"Is there any special South, who might have a particular grudge?"

"The Souths don't need no parti'lar grudge, but thar's young Samson South. He's a wildcat."

"He lives this way?"

"These dogs air a-makin' a bee-line fer his house." Jim Hollman was speaking. Then he added: "I've done been told that Samson denies doin' the shootin', an' claims he kin prove an alibi."

The Lexington man lighted his pipe, and poured a drink of red whisky into a flask cup.

"He'd be apt to say that," he commented, "These dogs haven't any prejudice in the matter. I'll stake my life on their telling the truth."

An hour later, the group halted again. The master of hounds mopped his forehead.

"Are we still going toward Samson South's house?" he inquired.

"We're about a quarter from hit now, an' we hain't never varied from the straight road."

"Will they be apt to give us trouble?"

Jim Hollman smiled.

"I hain't never heered of no South submittin' ter arrest by a Hollman."

The trailers examined their firearms, and loosened their holster-flaps. The dogs went forward at a trot.

CHAPTER V.

From time to time that day, neighbors had ridden up to Spicer South's stile, and drawn rein for gossip. These men brought bulletins as to the progress of the hounds, and near sundown, as a postscript to their information, a volley of gunshot signals sounded from a mountain top. No word was spoken, but in common accord the kinsmen rose from their chairs, and drifted toward their leaning rifles.

"They're a-comin' hyar," said the head of the house, curtly. "Samson ought ter be home. Whar's Tam'rack?"

No one had noticed his absence until that moment, nor was he to be found. A few minutes later, Samson's figure swung into sight, and his uncle met him at the fence.

"Samson, I've done asked ye all the questions I'm a-goin' ter ask ye," he said, "but them dawgs is makin' fer this house. They've jest been sighted a mile below."

Samson nodded.

"Now"—Spicer South's face hardened—"I owns down thar ter the road No man kin cross that fence withouten I choose ter give him leave. Ef ye wants ter go indoors an' stay thar, ye kin do hit—an' no dawg ner no man hain't a-goin' ter ask ye no questions. But, ef ye sees fit ter face hit out, I'd love ter prove ter these hyar men thet us Souths don't break our word. We done agreed ter this truce. I'd like ter invite 'em in, an' let them damn dawgs sniff round the feet of every man in my house—an' then, when they're plumb teetotally damn satisfied, I'd like ter tell 'em all ter go ter hell. Thet's the way I feels, but I'm a-goin' ter do jest what ye says."

Lescott did not overhear the conversation in full, but he saw the old man's face work with suppressed passion, and he caught Samson's louder reply.

"When them folks gets hyar, Uncle Spicer, I'm a-goin' ter be a-settin'

"They Have Followed Their Noses Here."

right out thar in front. I'm plumb willin' ter invite 'em in." Then, the two men turned toward the house.

Already the other clansmen had disappeared noiselessly through the door or around the angles of the walls.

Fifteen minutes later, Lescott, standing at the fence, saw a strange cavalcade round the bend of the road. Several travel-stained men were leading mules, and holding two tawny and impatient dogs in leash. In their number, the artist recognized his host of two nights ago.

They halted at a distance, and in their faces the artist read dismay, for, while the dogs were yelping confidently and tugging at their cords, young Samson South—who should, by their prejudiced convictions, be hiding out in some secret stronghold—sat at the top step of the stile, smoking his pipe, and regarded them with a lack-luster absence of interest. Such a calm reception was uncanny. After a whispered conference, the Lexington man came forward alone. Old Spicer South had been looking on from the door, and was now strolling out to meet the envoy, unarmed.

And the envoy, as he came, held his hands unnecessarily far away from his sides, and walked with an ostentatious show of peace.

"Evenin', stranger," hailed the old man. "Come right in."

"Mr. South," began the dog-owner, with some embarrassment, "I have been employed to furnish a pair of bloodhounds to the family of Jesse Purvy, who has been shot."

"I heerd tell thet Purvy was shot," said the head of the Souths in an affable tone, which betrayed no deeper note of interest than neighborhood gossip might have elicited.

"I have no personal interest in the matter," went on the stranger, hastily, as one bent on making his attitude clear, "except to supply the dogs and manage them. I do not in any way direct their course; I merely follow."

"Ye can't hardly fo'ce a dawg." Old Spicer sagely nodded his head as he made the remark. "A dawg jest natcher'ly follers his own nose."

"Exactly—and they have followed their noses here." The Lexington man found the embarrassment of his position growing as the colloquy proceeded. "I want to ask you whether, if these dogs want to cross your fence, I have your permission to let them?"

The master of the house crossed the stile, the low sun shining on his shock of gray hair, and stood before the manhunter. He spoke so that his voice carried to the waiting group in the road.

"Ye're plumb welcome ter turn them dawgs loose, an' let 'em ramble, stranger. Nobody hain't a-goin' ter hurt 'em. I sees some fellers out thar with ye thet mustn't cross my fence. Ef they does"—the voice rang menacingly—"hit'll mean that they're a-bustin' the truce—an' they won't never go out ag'in. But you air safe in hyar. I gives yer my hand on thet. Ye're welcome, an' yore dawgs is welcome. I hain't got nothin' 'gainst dawgs thet comes on four legs, but I shore bars the two-legged kind."

There was a murmur of astonishment from the road. Disregarding it, Spicer South turned his face toward the house.

"You boys kin come out," he shouted, "an' leave yore guns inside."

The leashes were slipped from the dogs. They leaped forward, and made directly for Samson, who sat as unmoving as a lifeless image on the top step of the stile. There was a half-moment of terrific suspense, then the beasts clambered by the seated figure, passing on each side and circled aimlessly about the yard—their quest unended. They sniffed indifferently about the trouser legs of the men who sauntered indolently out of the door. They trotted into the house and out again, and mingled with the mongrel home pack that snarled and growled hostility for this invasion. Then, they came once more to the stile. As they climbed out, Samson South reached up and stroked a tawny head, and the bloodhound paused a moment to wag its tail in friendship, before it jumped down to the road, and trotted gingerly onward.

"I'm obliged to you, sir," said the man from the Bluegrass, with a voice of immense relief.

The moment of suspense seemed past, and, in the relief of the averted clash, the master of hounds forgot that his dogs stood branded as false trailers. But when he rejoined the group in the road he found himself looking into surly visages, and the features of Jim Hollman in particular were black in their scowl of smoldering wrath.

"Why didn't ye ax him," growled the kinsman of the man who had been shot, "whar the other feller's at?"

"What other fellow?" echoed the Lexington man.

Jim Hollman's voice rose truculently, and his words drifted, as he meant them to, across to the ears of the clansmen who stood in the yard of Spicer South.

"Them dawgs of your'n come up Misery a-hellin'. They hain't never turned aside, an' onless they're plumb ornery, no-'count curs thet don't know their business, they come for some reason. They seemed mighty interested in gittin' hyar. Ax them fellers in thar who's been hyar thet hain't hyar now? Who is ther feller thet got out afore we come hyar?"

At this veiled charge of deceit the faces of the Souths again blackened and the men near the door of the house drifted in to drift presently out again, swinging discarded Winchesters at their sides. It seemed that, after all, the incident was not closed. The man from Lexington, finding himself face to face with a new difficulty, turned and argued in a low voice with the Hollman leader. But Jim Hollman, whose eyes were fixed on Samson, refused to talk in a modulated tone, and he shouted his reply:

"I hain't got nothin' ter whisper about," he proclaimed. "Go ax 'em who hit war thet got away from hyar."

Old Spicer South stood leaning on his fence and his rugged countenance stiffened. He started to speak, but Samson rose from the stile and said, in a composed voice:

"Let me talk to this feller, Unc' Spicer." The old man nodded and Samson beckoned to the owner of the dogs.

"We hain't got nothin' ter say ter them fellers with ye," he announced, briefly. "We hain't axin' 'em no questions, an' we hain't answerin' none. Ye done come hyar with dawgs an' we hain't stopped ye. We've done answered all the questions them dawgs hes axed. We done treated you an' yore houn's plumb friendly. Es fer them other men, we hain't got nothin' ter say to 'em. They done come hyar because they hoped they could git me in trouble. They done failed. Thet road belongs ter the county. They got a license ter travel hit, but this strip right hyar hain't the healthiest section they kin find. I reckon ye'd better advise 'em ter move on."

The Lexington man went back. For a minute or two Jim Hollman sat scowling down in indecision from his saddle. Then he admitted to himself that he had done all he could do without becoming the aggressor. For the moment he was beaten. He looked up and from the road one of the hounds raised its voice and gave cry. That baying afforded an excuse for leaving and Jim Hollman seized it.

"Go on," he growled. "Let's see what them d——d curs hes ter say now."

Mounting, they kicked their mules into a jog. From the men inside the fence came no note of derision, no hint of triumph. They stood looking out with expressionless, masklike faces until their enemies had passed out of sight around the shoulder of the mountain. The Souths had met and fronted an accusation made after the enemy's own choice and method. A jury of two hounds had acquitted them. It was not only because the dogs had refused to recognize in Samson a suspicious character that the

Jim Hollman.

bad invariably met hostility with hostility, had so willingly courted the acid test of guilt or innocence.

Days passed uneventfully after that. The kinsmen dispersed to their scattered coves and cabins. Now and again came a rumor that Jesse Purvy was dying, but always hard on its heels came another to the effect that the obdurate fighter had rallied, though the doctors held out small encouragement of recovery.

One day Lescott, whose bandaged arm gave him much pain, but who was able to get about, was strolling not far from the house with Samson. They were following a narrow trail along the mountain side, and, at a sound no louder than the falling of a walnut, the boy halted and laid a silencing hand on the painter's shoulder. Then followed an unspoken command in his companion's eyes. Lescott sank down behind a rock, cloaked with glistening rhododendron leafage, where Samson had already crouched and become immovable and noiseless. They had been there only a short time when they saw another figure slipping quietly from tree to tree below them.

For a time the mountain boy watched the figure and the painter saw his lips draw in a straight line and his eyes narrow with a glint of tense hate. Yet, a moment later, with a nod to follow, the boy unexpectedly rose into view and his features were absolutely expressionless.

"Mornin', Jim," he called.

The slinking stranger whirled with a start and an instinctive motion as though to bring his rifle to his shoulder. But, seeing Samson's peaceable manner, he smiled and his own demeanor became friendly.

"Mornin', Samson."

"Kinder stranger in this country, hain't ye, Jim?" drawled the boy who lived there, and the question brought a sullen flush to the other's cheek bones.

"Jest a-passin' through," he vouchsafed.

"I reckon ye'd find the wagon road more handy," suggested Samson. "Some folks might 'spicion ye fer stealin' 'long through the timber."

The skulking traveler decided to lie plausibly. He laughed mendaciously. "That's the reason, Samson. I was kinder skeered ter go through this country in the open."

Samson met his eye steadily and said slowly:

"I reckon, Jim, hit mought be half es risky fer ye ter walk upstandin' along Misery es ter go a-crouchin'. Ye thinks ye've been a-shadderin' me. I knows jest whar ye've been all the time. Ye lies when ye talks 'bout passin' through. Ye've done been spyin' hyar, ever since Jesse Purvy got shot, an' all thet time ye've done been watched yerself. I reckon hit'll be healthier fer ye ter do yore spyin' from t'other side of the ridge. I reckon yer allowin' ter git me ef Purvy dies, but we're watchin' ye."

Jim Asberry's face darkened, but he said nothing. There was nothing to say. He was discovered in the enemy's country and must accept the enemy's terms.

"This hyar time I lets ye go back," said Samson, "fer the reason thet I'm tryin' like all h—l ter keep this truce. But ye must stay on yore side or else ride the roads open. How is Purvy terday?"

"He's mighty porely," replied the other, in a sullen voice.

"All right. Thet's another reason why hit hain't healthy fer ye over hyar."

The spy turned and made his way over the mountain.

"D——n him!" muttered Samson, his face twitching, as the other was lost in the undergrowth. "Some day I'm a-goin' ter git him."

Tamarack Spicer did not at once reappear, and when one of the Souths met another in the road the customary dialogue would be: "Heered anything of Tamarack?" . . . "No, hev you?" "No, nary a word."

As Lescott wandered through the hills, his unhurt right hand began crying out for action and a brush to nurse. As he watched, day after day, the unveiling of the monumental hills and the transitions from hazy, wraithlike whispers of hues to strong, flaring riot of color, this fret of restlessness became actual pain. He was wasting wonderful opportunity and the creative instinct in him was clamoring.

One morning, when he came out just after sunrise to the tin wash basin at the well, the desire to paint was on him with compelling force. The hills ended near their bases like things bitten off. Beyond lay limitless streamers of mist, but, while he stood at gaze, the filmy veil began to lift and float higher. Trees and mountains grew taller. The sun, which showed first as a ghost-like disk of polished aluminum, struggled through orange and vermilion into a sphere of living flame. Lescott heard a voice at his side.

"When does ye 'low ter commence paintin'?"

It was Samson. For answer the artist, with his unhurt hand, impatiently tapped his bandaged wrist.

"Ye still got yore right hand, hain't ye?" demanded the boy. The other laughed. It was a typical question. So long as one had the trigger finger left one should not admit disqualification.

"You see, Samson," he explained, "this isn't precisely like handling a gun. One must hold the palette; mix the colors; wipe the brushes and do half a dozen equally necessary things. It requires at least two perfectly good hands. Many people don't find two enough."

"But hit only takes one ter do the paintin', don't hit?"

"Yes."

"Well"—the boy spoke diffidently but with enthusiasm—"between the two of us we've got three hands. I reckon ye kin larn me how ter do them other things fer ye."

Lescott's surprise showed in his face and the lad swept eagerly on.

"Mebby hit hain't none of my business, but, all day yestiddy an' the day befo', I was studyin' 'bout this here thing, an' I hustled up an' got thet corn weeded an' now I'm through. Ef I kin help ye out I thought mebby—" He paused and looked appealingly at the artist.

Lescott whistled and then his face lighted into contentment.

"Today, Samson," he announced, "Lescott, South and Company get busy."

It was the first time he had seen Samson smile, and, although the expression was one of sheer delight, inherent somberness loaned it a touch of the wistful.

When, an hour later, the two set out, the mountain boy carried the paraphernalia and the old man standing at the door watched them off with a half-quizzical, half-disapproving glance.

As the boy, with remarkable aptitude, learned how to adjust the easel and arrange the paraphernalia, Lescott sat drinking in through thirsty eyes the stretch of landscape he had determined to paint.

Then, while he painted, the boy held the palette, his eyes riveted on the canvas, which was growing from a blank to a mirror of vistas—and the boy's pupils became deeply hungry.

The day of painting was followed by others like it. The disabling of Lescott's left hand made the constant companionship of the boy a matter that needed no explanation or apology, though not a matter of approval to his uncle.

Another week had passed without the reappearance of Tamarack Spicer.

One afternoon Lescott and Samson were alone on a cliff-protected shelf, and the painter had just blocked in with umber and neutral tint the crude sketch of his next picture.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Tribute Money.

Fancy long ago said that the black marks on either side of the head of the haddock were made by the Apostle's finger and thumb as they held him, while extracting the tribute money from his mouth. But alas for fancy! The haddock is not found in the Sea of Galilee! Most of the fish there belong to the barbel family, and no one has ever told us authoritatively what particular variety the tribute bearing fish belonged to. The "half shekel" of the tribute was 112 grains Troy weight of silver, say nearly a quarter of an ounce, worth about thirteen cents today, but greatly more in those days.

The Girl Who Is in Demand.

There is a price on the head of every pretty girl who can bake good biscuits. Most any girl can look pretty under the parlor chandelier or in the soft moonlight, but, ah, how few will do to look at next morning at 6:30, and still fewer can set before the hungry men at breakfast a plate of appetizing hot biscuits, and for the one who can the boys are searching the world of girls.—Hamilton Record.

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CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Presbyterian—Centre Hall, morning.

Reformed—Centre Hall, morning; Tusseyville, afternoon.

Lutheran—Union, morning; Georges Valley, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.

Methodist—Sprucetown, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening, Christmas entertainment.

The Weather.

Readings of the thermometer are made daily at 5 p. m., and indicate the highest and lowest points reached during the preceding twenty-four hours.

DECEMBER	Highest	Lowest	Snowfall in Inches	Rainfall in Inches	Character of day
Wednesday, 16	18	1			PC
Thursday, 17	21	1			PC
Friday, 18	26	—8			PC
Saturday, 19	32	18			PC
Sunday, 20	34	21			C
Monday, 21	38	21		1	PC
Tuesday, 22	34	12			PC

F means fair; *C* means cloudy; *PC* means partly cloudy.

Homan-Byers.

"David J. Homan and Miss Emma Byers were united in marriage at Freeport, Illinois, last Thursday by the Rev. P. H. R. McMillen. The young couple will be at home after March 1st on the farm Mr. Byers, father of the bride, recently purchased from the Keegan Brothers."

The above notice appeared in the Orangeville (Illinois) Courier, date of December 17th. Mr. Homan is a native of Oak Hall Station and a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Homan. About three years ago he left for Illinois and his many friends here will read with interest this brief account of the very important event in his life.

New Building at State College Burned.

Friday morning, about eleven o'clock, a new dwelling house in the course of construction on the Lytle Addition, south of State College, was completely destroyed by fire. The building operations had advanced so far that the plasterers were at work in the house and the supposition is that the blaze started from a spark that came from the fire the plasterers had kindled to heat their plaster. The building was owned by a Mr. Harpeter.

License Remonstrances Filed.

Saturday was license court, but nothing further was done except to receive the official applications for licenses and the remonstrances against the same.

Remonstrances were filed against granting all the licenses applied for in Bellefonte, Philipsburg and Centre Hall. Attorney J. K. Johnston represents all the remonstrants. The court asked that the argument be presented in writing, and this will be done.

Whiteman Bought Home.

A few weeks ago J. W. Whiteman sold his home on Main street to the executors of Dr. George Lee, the same to be occupied by Miss McKinney, and last week he purchased a house and lot on Hoffer street from John D. Lucas. The property, since vacated by Mr. Lucas, has been tenanted by Kryder Frank.

Hartley-Snavely.

Thursday evening of last week Miss Mary Snavely and Joseph Hartley, both of Spring Mills, were married by Justice Thomas Jamison. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Snavely and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hartley. Both young people have a number of friends who wish them a happy wedded life.

Meeting of Joint Council.

The joint council of the Lutheran church will meet at Centre Hall on Saturday afternoon, January 2, 1915, at two o'clock. A full attendance of all the members is requested.—By order of President.

Stores Open Wednesday Nights.

Until after the holidays the stores in Centre Hall will keep open Wednesday nights, contrary to their custom.

"Oil of Gladness."

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LOCALS

Cheer up, 1915 is sizing you up.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew attended institute at Bellefonte, Tuesday.

The Lutheran church in Lewistown cleared $350 from the sales of articles at a recent bazaar.

Wilson times makes the farmers smile when wheat in the local market is quoted at $1.15 per bushel.

Mr. and Mrs. Erdley of Milton spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Erdley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H Snyder, near Centre Hall.

The first ice crop of the season is being harvested by D. A. Boozer from his two large ice ponds. The product is seven inches in thickness.

The members of the Methodist church at Spring Mills will hold a birthday social at the Methodist parsonage on the evening of New Year's day.

Edward Zerby returned from Ohio, where he was employed on a farm for almost a year, on Monday, and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Zerby, near Tusseyville.

Miss Florence Love, compositor on the Watchman, Bellefonte, is spending her vacation period at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Martz, at Tusseyville, and among friends in Centre Hall.

Roy Miller, who is a member of the Kryder, McElfresh & Miller firm, manufacturers of hard wood lumber, at Charlotte Court House, Virginia, is spending the Christmas season with his family at Tusseyville.

Constable Charles D. Frazier of Potter township was a business caller Tuesday and reported that his family was not exempted from the measles which has assumed the stage of an epidemic on the south side.

This (Thursday) morning, Mrs Mary Shoop left for Altoona where she expects to remain for the winter with Mr. and Mrs. John Worley. Mrs. Shoop will be missed in her circle of friends, but they wish her a most enjoyable season.

Prof. W. R. Jones, principal of Gregg township's public schools, spent Sunday at the home of his parents at the Reformed parsonage. At the close of teachers' institute he will leave for Harrisburg to spend the Christmas season with Mrs. Jones at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs S. W. Shumaker.

Miss Ruth Smith entertained a few of her friends at her home on Monday night on the occasion of her birthday anniversary. Excellent refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Verna and Ethel Rowe, Hazel Emery, Lulu Homan, Nina Slick; Messrs. Henry Mitterling, Ray Durst, Carl Auman, Bruce Stahl and William Bradford.

Samuel Gross, who several weeks ago penetrated his left leg above the knee with a nail, while at work at State College, is experiencing much discomfort as a result of the injury. The leg has been lanced several times and on each occasion a pint or more of pus removed. Mr. Gross is a carpenter and has always depended upon steady work to provide for his good-sized family, hence is suffering mentally as well as physically from his enforced idleness.

BOALSBURG.

A merry Christmas to all.

E M. Kuhn is visiting at Williamsport.

J. M. Wieland made a business trip to Lebanon county.

Our schools are closed this week; the teachers are attending institute.

N. W. Meyer is making preparations for repairing his house.

The civic club will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Miss Anna Dale, on New Year evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stover of State College spent Sunday afternoon in Boalsburg.

Misses Marion and Helen Whitehill of Houserville spent Sunday at Boalsburg.

Miss Rachel Rothrock is home from Philadelphia on a vacation.

Miss Helen Coxey from Williamsport is spending some time in this place.

Amos Tyson of Greensburg is spending this week with relatives and acquaintances in Boalsburg.

Mrs. Reuben Stuart and her daughter from Bellevue are spending the Christmas season at the former's home at Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Stover of Philadelphia, and Amos Tyson of Greensburg attended the funeral of James Searson last week.

The teachers of the grammar and primary school treated their pupils with candy and oranges on Friday afternoon. Miss Way with her little boys and girls had trimmed a Christmas tree, and had a nice entertainment.

An elk was seen in the field joining Harry Bailey's orchard on Sunday afternoon. The animal did not appear to be as much excited as those who were watching, for he walked leisurely until he disappeared in the mountain. On Tuesday the animal was seen again at a point known as Marshall's Spring, about one mile east of where he disported himself on Sunday. Cyrus Confer had the pleasure of looking over the elk the last time.

Marriage Licenses.

William DeWalt, Scotia
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Frank Robertson, State College
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Howard Keebler, Brazil, S. A.
Annie Rumberger, Filmore

Alfred Shuey, Rock View
Katie Breon, State College

John Condo, Potters Mills
Martha Long, Spring Mills

Ira D. Pearce, McCartney
Zella Patterson, Clarence

FRUITTOWN.

Winter weather prevailed during the past few weeks. Mercury dropped as low as fourteen degrees below zero.

Measles are prevalent in this locality. There are many cases among the little folks.

Forester Siggins, who is boarding at the William Jordan home, is suffering from a severe attack of tonsilitis. He is under the care of a physician.

Boys, get the bells ready for there will be a great wedding this week.

Mrs. George Bitner of Milroy spent a few days last week with her son, John, at this place.

Mrs. Edward Bubb returned to her home one day last week after spending a few weeks with her daughter at Linden Hall.

Miss Annie Fohringer of Northumberland spent a few days last week with relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs Charles Neville is spending the holiday season with her parents and friends at Milroy.

The shortest day in the year is past but it will be weeks until there will be any perceptible difference in the days' length.

Tusseyville

Mrs. Frank Tate and Miss Esther Bitner are on the sick list.

Frederick Raymond, only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Raymond, is seriously ill with congestion of the lungs

Miss Mattie McCool, who is a student at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, is spending her vacation at the home of her parents.

Harry and John Neff, who were employed on farms in the vicinity of Stockton, in northern Illinois, returned to their home on Saturday after an absence of almost a year.

From last week.

Misses Dora Klinefelter and Gladys Reasoner spent Thursday of last week with Miss Ruth Rockey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horner of Mill Hall are visiting at the home of Mrs. Horner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rockey.

Quite a number of young people from this place attended the birthday party given in honor of Miss Dora Klinefelter at the home of her father, Samuel Klinefelter.

Colyer.

Irwin Meiss has the measles.

The saw mill up in the kettle is running full blast.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zerby feel proud of the arrival of a baby girl.

Harry Feese is visiting among many friends and relatives.

The schools are closed this week on account of the teachers institute at Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moyer and grandson of Potters Mills paid a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Jordan on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. George Yarnell is helping her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Meiss, during the rush of the Christmas season.

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The sixty-eighth annual teachers' institute, which will close on Christmas, at Bellefonte, is being attended by every school teacher in the county with the exception of two whose absence is due to sickness. Three hundred and fifteen teachers are playing the part of the pupil and being instructed by a corps of able institute workers.

The institute was called to order on Monday morning by Superintendent D. O. Etters. After a few words of kindly welcome, the formal work of the institute was started by the introduction of Dr. C. P. Colgrove, of Iowa State Teachers' College, as the first speaker. Dr. Colgrove reminded the teachers that, as in the business world we desire to get as great a return as possible on our investment, so in the intellectual marts we shou'd get as much as possible for ourselves. He said that each teacher would carry away from this institute about as much as he desired to carry away and asked: "How much will you carry away in your basket?"

Dr. Colgrove enumerated teachers by classes, calling one the unprepared or ignorant class; another, the silly class; cruel, kind, energetic and cultured classes. He emphasized the fact that the real teacher has character back of his scholarship and that it is his heart, mind, spirit and conscience which create the impressions that last. Dr. Colgrove is a forceful and interesting instructor and your correspondent remembers with pleasure the reading of his pedagogical work, "The Teacher and the School."

The next instructor, who spoke during the remainder of the forenoon and the first part of the afternoon, was Superintendent S. R. Shear, of Poughkeepsie, New York. He spoke from the standpoint of a practical, progressive and energetic school man, who for many years has been fighting for better things for school children and school teachers. He said that children are entitled to be well educated and that country children should have just as good an opportunity as city children. Buildings must be decent and represent the best the community can afford. People who are not willing to furnish properly equipped buildings and desirable surroundings are not conscious of their responsibilities. Teachers are entitled to respect and support. No principal or superintendent can do his best work in such capacity if he has his hands tied and his mouth gagged. He must be free to formulate and carry out a policy.

Dr. Colgrove was the last speaker of the day. His subject was "Efficiency in School Work"

For the evening, Glenn Frank lectured on the subject, "Lost in the Crowd," a typical picture of life in a democracy. Mr. Frank is, wi hout doubt, one of the most forceful speakers on the American rostrum today. His plea is for clear, intense and independent thinking on every public question by every citizen of a democracy. The individual must not permit himself to think as the convention or platform dictates, but broaden his horizon. When public conscience is aroused and a man's business morals must be as clean as his private morals, then and then only will social justice be possible.

Time prevents a further analysis of this lecture, but it could not fail to have made a deep and lasting impression on every thoughtful hearer. ***

Spring Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Zubler left on Saturday to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Grenoble, in Lewisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Rossman are spending some time with H. F. Rossman and family.

Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Kurtz and daughter took dinner with T. M. Gramley and family on Sunday.

Miss Miriam Long is home from Williamsport to spend Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Long.

Mrs. John Horner and Florence Yearick expect to spend the holiday season with Mrs. Horner's daughter, Mrs. Gorden, at Mount Union.

G. C. King made a trip to Mifflin county on Tuesday.

Harry Corman of Altoona is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Corman.

Edward Winters and family of State College are expecting to spend their Christmas vacation with their many friends here.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hazel of Bellefonte installed the officers of the Rebekah order on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Beaton, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is improving at this writing.

Georges Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lingle spent Sunday with friends at Colyer.

Orrin Barger is visiting Miss Abbie Barger at State College, this week.

Harvey Vonada spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. H. A. Haugh.

"September Morn."

She is coming—dear little Miss "September Morn" clothed in the form of a three act musical comedy with songs, jokes, scenery and girls—lots of them. Julian Rubell, the original joy bug, is the bright particular star of this musical fun carnival which will be presented by Rowland & Clifford's specially selected company of fifty, at the Garman Opera House, Wednesday, December 30th. Prices 35, 50, 75, $1.00, $1.50. Reservations by telephone to Parish Drug Store.

LOCALS

Miss Sallie Onks, a trained nurse from Altoona, is attending D. F. Luse during his illness.

The vacation period of students at Pennsylvania State College will extend until Wednesday, January 6th.

Christmas services will be rendered in the Lutheran church Christmas evening, and in the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

Friday morning mercury shriveled up and stood eight below zero. Cold snappy weather has continued since with a light fall of snow.

Mrs. Lillian Alexander has closed her home and will spend the greater part of the winter season with her sister, Mrs. Frank McCoy at Bellefonte.

An extra train of twelve coaches and six extra coaches on the regular train were necessary to carry the heavy human traffic of State studen's to their homes on Tuesday.

William Zettle arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zettle, on Monday, from Ohio where he had been employed as a cylinder press feeder in a box printing establishment.

Mrs. Rebecca Emerick moved from Spring Bank, between Millheim and Rebersburg, to Centre Hall. She occupies a portion of the Herlacher house, the property of Mrs. George M Hall, Huntingdon.

Victor H. Jones will spend Christmas at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Jones, arriving Christmas morning direct from Lancaster where he is attending the theological seminary as a middler.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoop, Mrs. Laura Lee and Miss Rebecca Derstine, all of whom are engaged in work at State College, are at their respective homes until the re-opening of State College, January 6th.

Miss May V. Rhone is at Rhoneymede Cottage, having come to Centre Hall a few days earlier than she expected owing to the illness of her father, Hon. Leonard Rhone, who, by the way, is improving daily.

The true spirit of Odd Fellowship was made manifest this week when the local order came to the relief of a brother, Samuel Gross, whose family has been placed in destitute circumstances because of his enforced idleness. A ton of coal and other necessities were donated his family.

W. J. Smith, Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot, T. L. Smith and family will spend their Christmas at the home of Mrs. Mary Smith, in Bellefonte. Mrs. Smith has the promise of having gathered about the dinner table, twenty-three of her children and grandchildren to partake of the Christmas turkey.

Messrs. Harry and John Neff, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Neff of Tusseyville, returned from near Stockton, Illinois, where they were engaged on farms since the beginning of March. They are very much pleased with the country in Northern Illinois, and are undecided whether or not they will remain in the east during the coming year.

W. F. McKinney and J. F. Miller, both of Potters Mills, were callers at this office Tuesday. Mr. McKinney is ranger on the Poe Division of the Seven Mountain State Forest, and states that work in his line is at present impossible. Mr. McKinney lives in close proximity to the best deer hunting ground in the Seven Mountains and during the season just closed ten bucks were slain in that locality.

Among the Reporter's callers last week was A. J. Musser of Clearfield, who was called to Centre Hall to attend the funeral of Miss Annie Bible, aunt of Mrs. Musser. Mr. Musser is largely identified with the business interests in Clearfield town and Clearfield county, holding the responsible position of purchasing agent for the Clearfield Bituminus Coal Company, and is also secretary and treasurer of the Penn Central Electric Company, whose business is being extended to various parts of Clearfield, Centre and other adjoining counties.

Mrs. Samuel Bible of Oak Hall met with a painful accident Sunday of last week when she fell the entire length of the cellar steps and was rendered unconscious, in which condition she remained for two days. Mrs. Bible, who is about sixty years of age, had gone to the cellar for apples and upon reaching the top step slipped and fell to the bottom. Mr. Bible and son hurriedly went to her assistance and tenderly carried her upstairs and summoned a physician. No bones were found to be broken and at this time she is on a fair way to recovery.

An eight-pound salmon was the unique Christmas gift received by J. T. Potter Thursday of last week from his son, W. Harry Potter, of Edmonds, Washington. The fish was taken from Puget Sound, and was a fine specimen. The salmon industry is an important one in the northwestern section of the United States, and it is seldom that a Centre county resident enjoys this delicacy in a form other than the canned article. The salmon was shipped by express at a cost of $1.25. In a letter to his father Mr. Potter states that the state of Washington, which normally has a delightful climate at this time of year, is experiencing real cold weather and that ice skating is popular now.

Miss Bible's Will.

Parties who claim to know state that the late Miss Annie Bible, through a will not yet recorded gave her property to her cousin, Dr. George P. Bible, Philadelphia, and nieces, Mrs. A. J. Musser, Clearfield, and Mrs. Anna Bitts, Pittsburg. To the first, it is claimed, she gave $2000; the last, $1000 and her home in Centre Hall; to Mrs. Musser, the remainder of her estate, or about $2000.

Court on Tuesday.

A brief session of court was held Tuesday afternoon, and these cases disposed of:

Mike Smith, a foreigner, convicted of jumping a board bill at Pleasant Gap. Sentence supsended on condition that he leave the country.

John Shugart of Philipsburg, who was charged with non-support of his wife, was discharged because his better-half failed to appear against him.

Howard Rider of Howard, who plead guilty to having forged a check. Sentence suspended upon payment of costs.

Prohibition Loses in House.

Hobson's amendment for Nation-wide prohibition carried with it a majority of the house, but not the necessary two-thirds vote for such a resolution to become effective. The vote stood 197 for and 189 against the resolution.

LOCALS

C. D Moore, a former resident of Boalsburg, who for the past several months had been on a visit to St. James, Missouri, returned a short time ago to the home of his niece, Mrs. Lynn Woomer, at State College.

Robert Fryer, a Potter township charge, died at his home a mile south of Potters Mills, Monday morning, after a lingering illness with tuberculosis. He was buried at Spruetown, Wednesday, services being held in the M. E. church at that place, by Rev. Bierly. He leaves a wife and three children. He was forty-four years of age.

W. Leonard Booney, the airman who fell at the Centre county fair from a distance of a thousand feet and lived, had another experience in "rapid descent" last week which will probably prove fatal. At Hempstead Plains, New York, he fell a distance of one hundred feet and besides fracturing several ribs and breaking his collar bone, was injured internally.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES AND CHILDREN

A Timely Topic Which is Discussed by Dr. Dixon, Commissioner of Health.

Along with Santa Claus' other provisions is usually a generous store of sweets. Much of the indigestion and consequent distress which follows the holiday feasting is due to the excessive use of candy by both young and old. Of course the principal constituent of candy is sugar. It produces heat and energy but when taken in excess it under goes fermentation in the digestive tract and gives rise to various disturbances in the stomach and intestines. Not only this but it overburdens the liver with evil results.

If the children and grownups are to have candy it should be eaten with or immediately after the meals. The usual custom is to have sweets within everybody's reach and to stuff them between meals.

To properly carry on their functions the stomach and intestinal tracts require a certain degree of rest. This is the reason that it is much better to eat at regular hours. When candy is eaten between meals it means that the digestive organs must be continually at work. As a result, instead of exercising their functions during the usual portion of the twenty-four hours, they are overworked and it is not surprising when they rebel from exhaustion, particularly on these feast days when the consumption of food is apt to b excessive.

Pure candies are not harmful if they are taken in reasonable quantities.

When you live in the country, you must be prepared for emergencies. Many diseases develop suddenly, particularly, croup or asthma. Rely on "Oil of Gladness"; it is almost infallible. Get it at your dealers. 25c and 50c sizes.—MOYER BROTHERS, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Market Reports.

Wheat, red	$1 15
Corn, on cob, 70 lbs.	70
Corn, shelled, 56 lbs.	—
Rye	70
Oats	40
Barley	55
Hay, Timothy, first grade	15 00
Hay, mixed	13 50
Butter	30
Eggs	30
Lard	12

BOB SLED FOR SALE—One horse bob sled, in good condition, for sale by W. H. RUNKLE, Centre Hall. o.2.

SALE REGISTER

Parties having their sale bills printed at this office will have their sales registered under this head FREE of charge. To all others the charge is one dollar, the notice to run until date of sale.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, one o'clock, on the Allison farm one mile northwest of Spring Mills on Farmers Mill's road, by B. F. Rickert: Four horses, four milch cows, two heifers, and lot of implements.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD—H. J. Foust, at Centre Hill, will make sale of farm stock and implements.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, one mile north of Tusseyville, by George F. Potter; horses, cattle, hogs, implements, etc.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, at ten o'clock, George W. Horner, two miles east of Linden Hall, will sell farm stock and implements.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH—A. F. Rote, on the Zubler farm, one mile west of Farmers Mills, will sell lot of farm stock and complete line of implements. L. F. Mayes, auct.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Robert B. Bartges, late of Gregg Township, deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, she would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

JOANNA M BARTGES, Administratrix,
46-o.1 p'd. Spring Mills, Pa

FOR SALE.—Second-hand one-horse wagon, 2 1-2 inch skein, in good condition, purchased new last spring. Will be sold at reasonable price if sale can be effected before first of year. Reason for selling is that I have no use for it.—JOHN McCLENAHAN, Centre Hall. 4901

Stoves and Ranges

POSSIBLY that old heater or cook stove that has done service for these many years should be replaced by a more modern stove that will not only give better satisfaction but will save fuel. Come in and see our complete line of stoves for all purposes. We have the stove you need.

Our Coal Oil Heaters and Cookers (that make no odor) are making satisfied buyers.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS for MEN and BOYS

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We offer these suggestions in order that your Christmas shopping may be made both easy and a pleasure.

50c Gifts for Men
Caps, Pennants, Scarf Pins, Belts, Cuff Links, Night Robes, Tie Clasps, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Shirt Studs, Underwear, Silk Neckware, Hose Supporters, Half Hose (Silk or Lisle). Hose and Scarf to match in box, Scarf Pin and Cuff Links in case, Garter and Armbands to match in box

50c Gifts for Boys
Hats Caps, Gloves, Shirts, Rompers, Rain Hats, Underwear, Suspenders, Blouse Waists, Hockey Caps.

$1.00 Gifts for Men
Caps, Belts, Pajamas, Underwear, Night Robes, Silk Neckware, Gloves, Shirts, Pennants, Cuff Links, Scarf Pins, Umbrellas, Flannel Shirts, Hose and Scarf Sets. Watch Chains, Silk Half Hose, Shirt Studs, Tie Clasps Suspenders, 2 pair of Hose in box, One-half dozen Handkerchiefs in box, Cuff Links and Scarf Pins to match in box.

$1.00 Gifts for Boys
Hats, Caps, Shirts, Gloves, Jerseys, Sweaters, Underwear, Wash Suits, Night Robes, Pajamas, Blouse waists, Odd Trousers.

$1.50 Gifts for Men
Caps, Belts, Neckware, Umbrellas, Pajamas, Cuff Links, Scarf Pins, Fur Caps, Night Robes, Wool Lined Gloves, Cape Gloves, Flannel Shirts, Underwear, Silk Half Hose, Silk Lined Gloves, Evening Dress Protectors, One dozen Collars in box, Leather Handkerchief Cases, Fancy Suspenders in Leather Case, Cuff Links and Scar Pins to match. One-half dozen Initial Handkerchiefs in box.

$2.00 Gifts for Men
Shirts, Gloves, Caps, Jerseys, Pajamas, Underwear, Scarf Pins, Cuff Links, Night Robes, Umbrellas, Watch Chains, Neckewar, Flannel Shirts Walking Sticks, Scarf Pins, and Cuff Links to match in case.

$2.50 Gifts for Men
Jerseys, Pajamas, Underwear, Silk Shirts, Fur Lined Gloves, Cuff Links, Stick Pins, Umbrellas, Madras Shirts, Walking Sticks, Watch Chains, Flannel Shirts, Automobile Gloves, Angora Lined Gloves, Evening Dress Protectors, Scarf Pins and Cuff Links to match in box.

$3.00 Gifts for Men
Jerseys, Sweaters, Silk Shirts, Collar Bags, Umbrellas, Underwear, Madras Shirts, Fancy Vests, Flannel Shirts, Walking Sticks, Full Dress Vests, Automobile Gloves, Half Dozen Hose in box, Half Dozen Handkerchiefs.

$3.50 Gifts for Men
Fur Caps, Silk Shirts, Madras Shirts, Sweater Coats, Underwear, Umbrellas Evening Dress Protectors.

$4.00 Gifts for Men
Fur Caps, Silk Shirts, Underwear, Madras Shirts, Umbrellas, Sweater Coats, Fur Lined Gloves.

$5.00 Gifts for Men
Fur Caps, Silk Shirts, House Coats, Fancy Vests, Automobile Gauntlets, Trousers, Fur Gloves, Umbrellas, Sweater Coats, Traveling Bags, Underwear, Bathrobes, Raincoats, Full Dress Vests, Steamer Rugs, Evening Dress Protectors.

$5.00 Gifts for Boys
Fur Caps, Overcoats, Raincoats, Sweater Coats.

$7.50 GIFTS FOR MEN
Fur Caps, Fur Gloves, Steamer Rugs, Raincoats, Sweater Coats, Bathrobe, and Slippers to match, House Coats, Traveling Bags.

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A Vagrant Christmas Gift

By ALBERT EDWARD CONVERSE

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MR. and Mrs. Jackson Smith understood each other perfectly on the Christmas present proposition.

This satisfactory state of affairs did not come about the first year of their wedded life, nor even the second. The third Christmas was almost at hand before Mr. Smith discovered accidentally, but to his intense joy, that Mrs. Smith relished his selection of furs, gloves, curtains, rugs, and so on, no more than did he her choice of smoking-jackets, cravats, mufflers, et cetera.

That their friends could not be taken in on the combination was, however, a thorn in the flesh of each of them.

"The worst has happened," said Mrs. Smith, interrupting Mr. Smith's perusal of the paper Christmas morning.

"A messenger just brought a present from the Snivelys, and I forgot to put them on my list. It's a book and we've got to send them something."

"Well, what are we going to do about the Snivelys?" growled Mr. Smith.

"Jack," said she in a moment, "I've had an inspiration. Why couldn't we send the Snivelys the book that Cousin Lucy sent us? Neither of them will ever know it."

"By George! We'll do it," said Mr. Smith, after considering the proposition. "Where is Cousin Lucy's book?"

"It's on the desk," said Mrs. Smith. "Just put our cards in the book and wrap it up neatly. I'll call a messenger boy."

Half an hour later Mr. Smith handed a package, addressed to Mr. Snively, to a messenger boy and saw him depart with it. He was luxuriously stretched out on a davenport when Mrs. Smith came into the room a few minutes later.

"Jack," said Mrs. Smith, holding a book in her hand, "I thought you were going to wrap this book up."

"Great Scott!" exclaimed Mr. Smith, jumping to his feet. "I did wrap up some book. The messenger has already been here and I gave it to him."

"How long has the boy been gone?" demanded Mrs. Smith.

"About ten minutes."

"Get your things on. Be quick, and maybe you can reach the Snivelys' before the boy and get that dreadful book away from him! How could you have been so careless?"

Mrs. Smith was almost frantic.

Down to the nearest street car tore Mr. Smith, fairly consumed with rage.

He had arrived at the down town district when, with a thrill of joy, he spied the messenger boy. Without waiting for the car to stop, Mr. Smith jumped off and started on a run for the boy.

At the same moment the messenger boy saw him, and, without knowing why he was being pursued, he obeyed his first impulse and ran too.

In a moment a dozen had joined in the chase. Down the street came the poor messenger boy, frantically straining every muscle to get away from the mob pursuing him. Suddenly two men from a cross street ran in front of the boy. One threw his arms around the fugitive, holding his fast; the other man seized the package the boy was carrying.

"Why, Snively! This package is addressed to you!" he exclaimed.

"Why, so it!" said the man who had caught the boy.

In a moment they were surrounded by a crowd. A policeman rushed up and took charge of the boy.

"Hold on there, officer, the boy's all right!" cried Mr. Smith, who had arrived upon the scene by this time.

"What do you know about this affair?" said the policeman respectfully, as he recognized Mr. Smith.

But Mr. Smith was standing as one dazed. He had caught sight of Mr. Snively with the book under his arm.

"Hello, Smith," said Mr. Snively. "I just now caught this boy, and found him carrying a package addressed to me, so took charge of it. Do you know anything about it?"

"Why—why—er—yes," stammered Mr. Smith, trying to collect his wits. "You see, I sent the package."

"Well, why were you chasing the boy?" asked the policeman, a little impatiently.

The perspiration stood out on poor Mr. Smith's forehead.

"I—I was afraid I hadn't given the boy the right address, and was trying to stop him to find out," he blurted in desperation.

The policeman looked at Mr. Smith curiously. He was convinced that he was lying, though with what object he could not imagine.

"The package has come to the right fellow anyway," said Snively, laughing. "I'm going right home, so I'll take it along with me."

"Oh, I couldn't think of allowing you to do that, old man!" cried Mr. Smith. "Just give it back to the boy; he'll take it to the house for you."

"Nonsense!" said Mr. Snively. "It's a light package and I don't mind carrying it a particle."

Mr. Smith ground his teeth with rage. How was he to get that book away from Snively?

"Snively," said he, my office is only a few doors down the street. Come up and smoke a cigar with me. I've got some good ones."

A few minutes later Mr. Smith ushered Mr. Snively into his office.

"Sit down here, Snively," said he, offering his guest a chair. "Let me have your package; I'll put it over here on my desk."

He took the book eagerly and put it on his desk out of sight. As he smoked and talked, he racked his brain for a scheme to get Snively out of the room without his book.

"Good morning, gentlemen. Merry Christmas."

It was Smith's partner, Perkins, who thus addressed them as he came out of his private office.

Suddenly a brilliant scheme took shape in his mind. He proceeded immediately to put it into execution.

"By the way, Perkins, I have a Christmas present for you." As he spoke, he picked up Snively's package and, holding it so that Snively could not see it, walked over the Perkins and handed it to him.

"But—but—" Perkins protested.

"Take it and keep your mouth shut, or I'll choke you!" whispered Smith fiercely.

"Oh, thank you very much," said the astonished Perkins. "Well, I must be getting home. Good morning."

After talking a few moments longer, Snively rose to go.

"Can I trouble you for my package, now?" he said.

"Oh, yes," said Smith, going to his

Searching First Calmly and Then With Apparent Annoyance.

desk and searching first calmly and then with apparent annoyance.

"By George! It isn't here," he announced in a surprised tone.

Suddenly he sat down and began laughing uproariously.

"Do you know what I've done?" he said as soon as he had his mirth somewhat under control. "I gave Perkins your package. I forgot that I took his present home last night, and my wife sent it over this morning with a present for Mrs. Perkins."

"Oh, that's all right," said Snively, laughing. "It doesn't make a particle of difference."

They parted, laughing good-naturedly over the blunder.

Smith arrived home soon after, congratulating himself on his generalship.

"Oh, Jack," cried Mrs. Smith, as soon as he stepped into the house, "I hope you haven't had any trouble!"

"Well, I've had just about the most strenuous time I've experienced in many moons," said Smith. "I came out all right though."

"I'm so sorry," said Mrs. Smith. "Now I hope you won't be angry, Jack, but you hadn't been gone but a few moments when I discovered that you hadn't sent Mrs. Snively's book, after all. I found her book lying on the floor by the center-table, where, in some way, it had been knocked off. The only book that is missing is the one that Mr. and Mrs. Perkins sent us, so that must have been the one that you sent to the Snivelys."

Mr. Smith collapsed into the nearest chair.

"Ding-a-ling-a-ling," went the telephone.

Mr. Smith, still in a dazed condition, rose and answered it.

"Hello, is that you, Smith?" said a voice. "This is Perkins."

Smith braced himself for the worst.

"I didn't quite understand about that present you gave me down at the office. When I got home I found that it had Snively's name on it."

"Oh."

"I thought there must be some mistake about it, so I didn't open it."

"You say you didn't open it?"

"No."

"Thank Heaven!"

"What do you say?"

"I said that you did right. It was just a little joke on Snively."

"Is that so? Well, I'll bring the package down to the office with me in the morning."

"Thank you. Good-by."

"Thank heaven," said Smith as he hung up the receiver and once more settled himself in comfort, "Christmas comes but once a year!"

TRUE SPIRIT OF DAY

Christmas Giving Should Be Prompted by the Heart.

Religion in the Orthodox Sense Not Necessary to Appreciate Finer Qualities of Great Christian Holiday.

By PRUDENCE STANDISH.

ONCE more the Christmastide and its beautiful meaning is with the world. Again the shepherds, watching their flocks by night, are sore afraid at the glory which shines about them. Clothed in blinding light, the angel speaks; the heavenly host that crowds suddenly about him sing of glory in the highest and peace and good will. The wise men who have seen his star in the East, kneel and spread their gifts of gold and myrrh and frankincense without question.

The miracle of 2,000 years ago is still new and glad and lovely, for, lo! in all Christendom bells peal and sweet choirs sing the message given by the blinding angel and the crowding host:

"For behold I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

This is the message of the Christmastide, yet the bigger half of Christendom makes the period the pagan festival it once was at the time of the winter solstice. We give gifts, for sake of the gods of custom and merriment, forgetting entirely that they are for sake of the great spiritual joy "which shall be to all people." The gold and myrrh and frankincense of the heart are withheld—we give gifts because we've got to, and keep our hearts as much closed to the Christmas child as was the inn. We have our own selfish ends to gain, the rich patron to cater to, the friend to appease. We heap little children with dazzling toys, and light the starry lamps of their fir trees because it is the fashion, and we do our small Christmas charities because it would seem mean not to do them.

We have forgotten the joyous and sublime meaning of Christmas. One does not need to be religious in the orthodox sense to appreciate the finer quality of this great festival, for what is known as Christian feeling has come to be a moral obligation at this time—a point of etiquette, in truth, for the heart and mind.

In point of mere etiquette—what the social world thinks on the subject of Christmas gift giving—it is thought bad taste for a person of modest means to give presents of value to others of wealth and influence, for this savors too much like currying to continued favor if the giver is already under obligations. But some knowledge of the helpful friend's existence is necessary, and this may take the form of a pretty Christmas card with an appropriate greeting; or a knot of flowers or winter berries may be sent with a note expressing warm Christmas wishes.

That the servant who has given her bodily strength and heart's best interest to the home must not be forgotten, goes without saying; but it is certainly bad form to make the poor servitor's gift an inexpensive trifle when something better can be afforded.

Then what a woeful want of taste it shows for us to defer buying a friend's or sister's present until we have found out what she means to give us, and so make the exchange a quid pro quo. The gift that goes to friend or relative is above all one for love, and it is undoubtedly better taste for the recipient of the simpler gift in the exchange to appear as pleased as if she had received something ten times its value.

But, then, what matters the nature of the gift after all? The spirit is the thing—and does not this silly picture or cushion, so unbecoming to the parlor, mean that the friend or sister has thought of us?

As for the little children, so much are their feelings painfully strained at this time that I would like to write a book on the subject. I beg every mother not to threaten the poor little heart that misbehaves sometimes with the eternal word that "Santa Claus won't come if you do that any more." The dear kiddie who forgets to be good knows better after a year or two of this harrowing threat, which makes you out a story teller. Meanwhile, there is the little heart staying awake at night with its dreadful anxieties; there are the sudden storms of bitter tears, with all the glory of Christmas sunk in the bottomless pit of absolute sureness that Santy—dear, abused, good old fat gentleman—won't come.

We remember the poor and drop a few pennies gladly for the blind children.

But, why do we do it—why? It is because a wide, sweet star has stopped over a stable in the far East, because the church choirs are singing of peace on earth and good will toward men.

So let us never lose sight of that fact with our gifts, whether our hands tender or receive them; for the heart closed to the deeper significance of Christmas may truly be likened to the inn that held no room. Let us send with each gift some of the heart's true gold and frankincense—bind it with the cord of some memory of Bethlehem. Let us receive each and every one of our gifts as tidings of great joy.

Santa Claus says:

¶ A face wreathed in smiles is better than a mansion wreathed in holly.

¶ Better broken toys than broken hearts.

¶ Never look a gift object in the price tag.

¶ Santa Claus by any other name would cost as much—and be worth it.

¶ Do not be satisfied with wishing people a "Merry Christmas;" help make it one.

¶ Lots of men put on long white whiskers and think they look like me when they look more like a goat—and perhaps they are.

¶ If Willie wants to see what is inside the drum, for goodness sake let him.

¶ You are living in God's own country. What more do you want for Christmas.

¶ It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles.

¶ Keep up the "Good will to man" part of it right through until next Christmas.

¶ It is more blessed to give than to receive, except in the matter of offense.

¶ Fortunately for most of us, we won't get what we deserve on Christmas.

¶ When Christmas giving becomes a necessity it ceases to be a virtue.

¶ There is more joy in heaven over a ton of coal given to the poor than a ton of diamonds given to the rich.

Song of the Christmas Tree

By Gene Morgan

I come from northern forest lands
Where men would tarry never.
The seasons come, the seasons go,
But I am green forever.

The flowers of spring bloom at my feet,
The shadows always spreading.
Near by there runs a forest path
Where watchful deer are treading.

The summer passes all too soon,
And autumn winds are chilly.
Poor flowers, they wither, droop and die
Amid the woodland hilly.

From every branch, sad tears I drip
In rainstorm's fierce endeavor.
The flowers may come, the flowers may go,
But I am green forever.

Now hark! the woodman's ax is heard!
A sister tree he's felling.
What can this cruel destruction mean?
The winter wind is telling:

"Do not bemoan thy mournful fate,
Tho' axmen wield with madness.
Bedecked in tinsel, bright and fine,
You'll soon bring children gladness.

"Thou canst not die, although thy trunk
Harsh hatchet blows may sever,
Within the little children's hearts
Thou wilt be green forever!"

Origin of Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree is supposed by great numbers of people to have originated in Germany, but from a reliable source we learn that the Christmas tree came in the first instance from Egypt, and its origin dates from a period much earlier than the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice as a symbol of the completed year.

SEASONABLE PRICES.

Now doth the Christmas shopper
With happiness elate,
Buy something that was forty-nine
Marked up to ninety-eight

KEEP MORE FOWL HAVE CHEAPER EGGS

Tener Proud of Public Service Commission Act.

REVISED STATE TOTALS

Senator Herbst Against Suffrage Local Option — Revised State Totals Made Up At Capitol—Speaker Of State House.

Must Keep More Fowl.

Soaring prices of eggs and the steady decrease in poultry products will continue indefinitely in this country unless there is an unprecedented increase in the number of fowls kept on farms, according to M. C. Kilpatrick, in charge of poultry husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College. He said the operation of the law of supply and demand, and not the cold storage warehouse or the foot and mouth disease, was the cause of the present market condition.

"Market reports show," said Mr. Kilpatrick, "that the prices of poultry products have been steadily advancing for the last twenty years. These advances are due to three causes: The rapid increase in consuming population, an increase in the per capita consumption, due both to the increased price of beef and other meats, and a growing preference for poultry products, and a slow increase in the number of barn-yard fowls. From farms the great bulk of poultry products must, of necessity, come." He pointed out that Pennsylvania ranks fifteenth among the States in average farm income from poultry.

Public Service Commission Act.

Ninety-four men, representing the railroad brotherhoods in Pennsylvania called on Governor Tener and extended the thanks of their fellow-employes for his kindness to them during his term of office. The men met the Governor in the large reception room at the Capitol. Milton T. Robinson acted as spokesman. Governor Tener made a response in which he paid a high tribute to the Public Service Commission. The Governor stated that of all the legislation that has been enacted during his administration, if he should be called upon to specify, he felt prouder of the law creating the Public Service Commission than any other. He characterized this law as one that was needed in Pennsylvania more than any other and one under which the poor man could get redress as well as the wealthy.

Revised State Totals.

Harrisburg.—Revised official figures from Allegheny county received at the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth show the correct vote of the State for Senator and Governor.

According to these late official figures more votes were cast for Governor than for any other position, the revised total being 1,112,207, against 1,111,788 polled in the Senatorial contest.

The revised totals are as follows:

Senator — Palmer, D., 266,415; Palmer, scattering, 21; total, 266,436. Pinchot, W., 202,545; B. M., 48,875; R. P., 17,755; total, 269,175. Penrose, R., 499,336; P. L., 20,485; scattering, 9; total, 519,830.

Governor—McCormick, D., 312,543; W., 140,329; total, 452,882. Brumbaugh, R., 534,898; K., 37,847; P. L., 17,956; total, 590,701.

Dr. Dixon Heads Academy Of Sciences.

At the annual meeting of the Academy of Natural Sciences the following officers were elected:

President Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, re-elected for his nineteenth consecutive term.

Vice-presidents, Edward S. Conklin and John Cadwalader.

Secretary and librarian, Edwin J. Nolan.

Corresponding secretary, J. Percy Moore.

Treasurer, George Vaux, Jr.

Curators, Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Dr. Henry A. Pilsbury, Dr. Witmer Stone and Dr. Henry Tucker.

Against Suffrage-Local Option.

Expressing the opinion that neither Jefferson nor Jackson would have favored local option, Senator E. M. Herbst in an interview stated that he would vigorously oppose woman's suffrage and local option at the next session of the Legislature. Dr. Herbst said he thought it wrong for any faction to legislate or dictate what the other should eat or drink. On the subject of woman suffrage, the Senator said that the quarrel of most women seeking the franchise is not with men, but with the Almighty for not creating them men.

State Free Of Federal War Tax.

Attorney General John C. Bell gave an opinion to heads of departments of the State government, in which he held that State licenses and certificates do not need to contain Federal law stamps, saying, "The Federal Government can not by law impose any specific duties upon State officials with reference to the collection of the tax required by the act of Congress. It is no part of your official duty to require such certificates or licenses to be stamped or to affix or cancel such stamps."

THE NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Scranton Merchant Dies From Assassin's Bullet — Falling Wires Start Fire In Coal Mine. Son Kills Father.

Fire of peculiar origin broke out in the rich coal measures of the No. 9 Mine of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, Mahanoy City. Falling electric lines coming in contact with the timbering and then igniting the coal beds is the cause ascribed by the officials who all day directed a fire-fighting force. The blaze, which is hundreds of feet underground, is being fought with difficulty owing to the overpowering fumes of smoke and noxious gases.

Anthony Sylvester, a merchant of Nicholson, died from bullet wounds inflicted at his store Sunday evening. Last week the merchant received a letter threatening his life because he had caused the arrest of two boarders when they failed to pay their board bill. These boarders, Tony Justianna and J. Virginia, are now being sought by the police. Sylvester was at his store when two men came up behind him Sunday and shot him.

George Eby, miner at the Philadelphia & Reading Bear Valley Colliery, had a miraculous escape from death. With a number of men he was working on a timber chute when he lost his balance and plunged into the cavity which is almost perpendicular. He fell 180 feet and fellow workmen who expected to find his lifeless body at the bottom found he had escaped with slight bruises and lacerations about the head and body.

Because Mrs. Elizabeth McQuail, of New Philadelphia, bequeathed her $30,000 estate, to two neighbors, relatives, led by her brother, Thomas McQuail, a Civil War veteran, are contesting the will maintaining that undue pressure was brought to bear upon the decedent, who it is alleged made the will the night she died. In a previous will she had made bequests to churches and charitable institutions and to relatives.

The Board of Trustees of Lafayette College, Easton, unanimously elected Dr. John Henry MacCracken, Syndic (administrative officer) and professor of political philosophy of New York University, to be president of the local institution. Announcement of the choice was made immediately after the session of the board to the student body and faculty, who had been called together for the purpose.

Miss Ida Fruitigar, of Taylor, and Rev. Raymond M. Custer, of Pittsburgh, have been married in far-off Africa, where they are serving as missionaries. The bride and bridegroom are graduates of the Missionary School at Nyack and were sweethearts there before graduation. Miss Fruitigar went to Africa fourteen months ago and Mr. Custer followed four months later.

Running mad in a crowd of Christmas shoppers, a dog bit Minnie Horwing and Alexander Mack at Norristown. The animal was shot and its head sent to the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Department, where an examination showed that it was suffering from rabies. The patients will be given the Pasteur treatment.

A pair of white squirrels were shot near McVeytown. Both squirrels were killed within a few hundred feet of each other and were in all probability mates. James Swigart was the first hunter to kill one of these beautiful animals and the other was killed by A. J. Jenkins. The squirrels were pure white without a blemish.

Two men were blown through a window when the waterback of a stove in the shop of a Scranton firm of picture dealers exploded. The men are William Rose, a member of the firm, and Julius Brown, a customer. The stove was blown to small pieces and the store partly wrecked. Rose and Brown were not seriously injured.

While being lowered by his son into a forty-five-foot well that they were digging, Benjamin Wenrich, aged sixty-three, of Allentown, fell to his death when his coat caught in a nail and loosened his grip on the rope. Wenrich fell nearly the entire depth and fractured his skull.

Dorothy, four years old, and Jerome, two, children of Andrew Spleen, of Shelby Summit, were burned to death when fire destroyed their home. Other members of the family escaped by jumping from windows in their night clothes.

Introducing himself as a census taker, a well-dressed young man called at the home of Peter Price, Scranton, took the names of members of the family, walked around the block and re-entered the house. This time he took valuables worth $300.

SHOW MONEY MAKERS

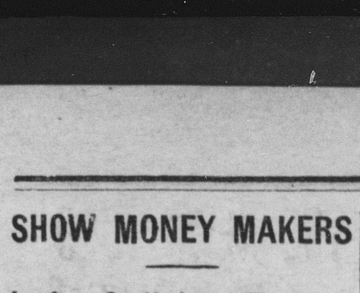
Loafers Spotted and Eliminated When Cow Test Is Used.

No Dairyman Can Afford to Spend His Time and Money on Animals Which Do Not Pay for Their Board—Value of Silo Is Shown.

(By G. R. INGALLS, Wisconsin Experiment Station.)

Cow testing shows the money makers. The best cows in many Wisconsin herds are returning a profit of $100 or more every year. It is possible to have every cow kept do as well.

The loafers, the cows that consume more than they return, are quickly spotted and eliminated when the cow test is used. No successful merchant handles a line of goods on which he loses money; likewise, no progressive dairyman will milk a cow on which he does not make a profit. The milking



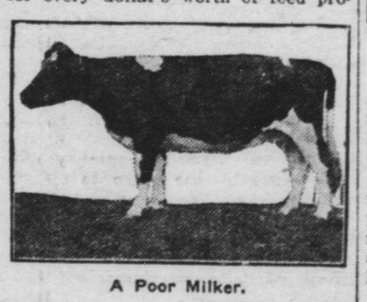
A Good Milking Type.

of cows is a straight business proposition and no farmer can afford to spend his own time or pay high-priced labor to milk cows which do not pay for their board. Let's make the $100 return per cow our standard.

To build up a profitable herd the cow test is indispensable. It enables the dairyman to quickly get a high producing herd by selecting heifers from only the best cows. In this connection the sires that are capable of transmitting dairy quality and temperament to their offspring can be proven. The very general practice of sending mature bulls to the block when they are just in their prime for breeding purposes is detrimental to our dairy industry and should be stopped.

Cow testing also pays because surplus stock of both sexes sells for higher prices when buyers can see what the ancestors of these animals have done in the line of milk and butter fat production.

When using the test farmers may know their cows as individuals and feed so as to get the greatest return for every dollar's worth of feed pro-



A Poor Milker.

vided. The value of the silo in supplying fresh summer succulence during the winter months and in helping out when pastures dry up in the summer is also shown best when cows are under test.

RIGHT LENGTHS FOR SILAGE

Question Is One Upon Which Much Difference of Opinion Is Manifested—Packing Eliminates Air.

(By H. H. KILDEE, Iowa Experiment Station.)

The question as to the proper lengths in which corn should be cut when put into the silo is one upon which much difference of opinion is manifested. Some advocate as long as 1.4 inch, others less than one-half inch or approximately one-quarter inch, and the majority intermediate lengths. The short cuts, such as the one-quarter and one-half inch, require more power, but insure a more palatable silage, resulting in less waste in feeding, and make it easy to pack it thoroughly at time of filling. This packing helps to eliminate the air, thus improving the quality, and makes it possible to put a greater quantity of corn in the silo.

It is more essential that thoroughly-matured corn be cut into shorter lengths than corn that is more immature and succulent, as much of the dry portions will be wasted by animals on full feed if not cut into small pieces. When one considers the matter from all standpoints it is evident that the common practice of cutting the corn into one-half and three-quarter-inch lengths is the preferable one. The writer has made it a practice to cut the corn into three-quarter-inch lengths, but realizes that when corn becomes dry the one-half-inch cut is more desirable. If the man interested wishes a shorter cut for the upper part of the silo I would recommend the upper third be filled with one-half-inch cut.

Farm Lumber Shed.

Every well-appointed farm should include in its equipment a storage place for lumber. Much time is wasted annually by farmers, who never keep an extra board or a timber on their places, with the result that every time they wish to do a little repairing they have to journey to town for lumber.

DISEASE OF THE POTATOES

If Fungus Is in Seed Scab Will Appear, No Matter What Kind of Fertilizer Is Used in Growing.

Some farmers have the idea firmly fixed in their minds that stable manure ought not to be used in growing potatoes, the claim being that it causes the scab which is so destructive. This is not correct, for if the fungus is in the seed potato the scab will appear, no matter what sort of fertilizer is used in growing the crop. The only way at all certain of avoiding scab in the potato crop is to treat the seed tubers used, and this should always be done regardless of where the seed comes from. You may contemplate using seed that you feel certain is free from the germ of the scab, but it will be safer to treat the seed.

Buy some commercial formalin and to each one-half pint of it add fifteen gallons of water. Then soak the seed tubers in the mixture for two or even three hours. Do this before planting and you will be reasonably sure of having the crop free from scab.

WINTER WORK ON THE FARM

Get in Ample Supply of Firewood—Repair Machines and Overhaul Wagons—Lay Plans for Spring.

(By L. M. BENNINGTON.)

On days when the weather will permit we may press the work of getting up the wood for another year. He is a very poor farmer who does not attend to this part of his farm work, but waits till the wood is needed from day to day.

Hay riggings may be put in shape for the coming season. Other farm

Good Way to Spend Spare Time.

machines may be repaired if they need it. Wagons may be overhauled, and if not too cold, new paint may be put on.

If any new buildings are planned for the coming year, lumber may be put on the ground. Often the earth is not frozen so hard that we cannot plow and scrape out the basements for cellars or excavate for house cellars.

The stock calls for careful attention now. The first and last work of the successful farmer for the day must be done at the barn, feeding and otherwise caring for cattle.

Take out the old solid board windows of the cow stables and put in their place sash glass. This will add to the health and comfort of the stock.

It is often possible to press the fall plowing well into the winter. This places the farmer at a decided advantage over the one who waits for spring to begin before he does any plowing.

Stormy days may be used for reading, writing, and laying plans for days to come.

GENERAL FARM NOTES

Late weeds make fine seeds.

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Sprouts sap the life of the tree.

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Nearly every weed seed will grow if given time.

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Plow up the fall crop of weeds and save work next year.

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Don't strip off the leaves—they are the lungs of the plant.

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Thin overloaded grapevines by plucking the poorest bunches. Tie the young shoots to the trellis.

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Keep the bung out of the vinegar barrel, but have a bit of wire screen over the opening to guard against things that may fall.

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Plow up the empty garden and sow turnips and spinach and transplant cabbage, beets, celery, lettuce, cauliflower, etc. Keep busy.

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There are some of those roosters left yet, in spite of everything. Get them out and sell them right off. They are eating their heads off and you will never get half your money back.

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Hang a good thermometer in the cellar. Look at it now and then when the mercury is shivering down toward zero. But it is all right to keep the temperature as nearly down to freezing as you can and not have it get the start of you.

ARE QUICK TO HEAL

MODERN BULLETS MORE HUMANE THAN THOSE OF THE PAST.

Soldiers Are Not Long Absent From the Front, Even When They Would Be Considered Quite Seriously Injured.

The bullet covered with hard nickel now in use makes the surgeon's task very simple, as a rule. Formerly, when large bullets of soft lead were used, the soldier's lot was not a very happy one. These often broke up inside the body, shattered bones, and frequently remained embedded in the muscles, bones and other parts.

The result was slow-healing, festering wounds which kept the soldier ill for a long time. The modern long slender bullet generally passes through the body without doing any vital injury. Even when it goes through the intestine, the stomach, the kidney, etc., the wound closes up without any very serious after-consequences. A good deal, however, depends on circumstances. If the soldier's stomach is empty—as it generally is in a battle—so much the better for him when he gets a bullet through it.

When he is tired and half starving, however, the shock is very great, and he may become utterly helpless from a slight wound. A curious fact, difficult to explain, is that a bullet fired at a range of 300 to 600 yards has more penetrating power than one fired at a range under or over that distance. In the former case it passes through the bone without doing very much damage; in the latter it shatters the bone and makes recovery slow. A ricocheting bullet causes a very bad wound as a rule. Small as it is, if a bullet strikes a large bone, like the hip, it gives a blow like that of a crowbar.

We are hearing a great deal about dum-dum bullets in this, as in all wars, both parties making charges against one another. The probability is that neither side is using them. The bullet now in use consists of a core of lead covered with a hard nickel case.

The Pied Piper.

Recently occurred the anniversary of the visit to "Hamelin Town in Brunswick," in 1876 of him "who, for the fantastical coat which he wore being wrought with sundry colors, was called the Pied Piper." Old Verstegan told the story in prose of how "the Pied Piper, with a shrill pipe went through all the streets, and forthwith the rats came all running out of the houses in great numbers after him; all of which he led into the river of Weaser, and therein drowned them." It is to Macready's young son that we are debtors for the poem, for it was he who persuaded Browning to weave the prose into poetry to amuse a sick child. Its preservation was due to a lucky accident, for in Browning's next collection of poems was a blank page or two to be filled, and "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" was just big enough to do it. So if in his life the Pied Piper destroyed hundreds of children his biography has amused thousands.—London Chronicle.

Armenia.

May we call the region in which the Russians are attacking the Turks Armenia? For convenience, certainly; but, as Sir Charles Eliot points out, strictly speaking, "Armenia does not exist. The name is absolutely forbidden in Turkey, and all maps marking any district as Armenistan are confiscated. Then there is the rival name of Kurdistan, also unofficial. Kurds and Armenians being mixed up, one may unofficially call portions of Asia Minor Kurdistan or Armenia, according to one's sympathies. The Armenians themselves do not use the name given them by friendly foreigners. They call themselves Haik, and after their country Haiasdan—tracing their descent from Haik, the grandson of Japhet."

Convenient Rule.

The editor of a newspaper published in central Pennsylvania tells of articles that he frequently receives from a certain citizen. They are always pertinent and worthy of publication, says the Evening Post Saturday Magazine, but they are punctuated in a most peculiar way.

Meeting his correspondent one evening at a friend's house, the editor said, "That was an excellent letter I got from you this morning, and I am going to print it Saturday. But tell me, what rule do you follow for punctuation?"

"Why," said the gentleman, "the same rule that I learned when I was a boy. I put a semicolon every twelve words, and two commas between each pair of semicolons."

His Hobby.

"I can say this much for Dobson—you never see him wasting his time in a foolish argument."

"That's because Dobson takes no interest in the subjects most men argue about. Just wait until somebody comes along and tackles him on the subject of Egyptology. Then you'll hear an argument that will make politics, religion and the war in Europe pale into utter insignificance."

But She Didn't Mean It That Way.

"Madam, I am visiting the rural districts in the interests of diversification. Have you a hog on the place?"

"You'll find my husband out in the barn."

The Markets

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 red, 124c; No. 2 hard, 124¼ all rail c i f track, export; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 120¼ and No. 1 Northern Manitoba, 123 c i f Buffalo to arrive.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 yellow, 72c c i f to arrive; Argentine, 73, delivered.

Oats—Spot easy; standard, 53½c; No. 3 white, 53.

Butter—Process, extras, 25½@26c; ladles, current make, seconds, 22; packing stock, current make, No. 2, 21@21½.

Live Poultry—Firm; Western chickens, 12½@13½c; fowls, 13@14½; turkeys, 12½@15; dressed firm; Western roasting chickens, 15@19; fresh fowls, 12½@17½; turkeys, 12@21.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat—Carlots in export elevator, No. 2 red, spot and December, $1.17@1.18½; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.26½@1.28½; No. 2 red, Western, $1.21@1.23.

Rye—No. 2 Western, as to quality and location, $1.05@1.12 per bushel.

Corn—Carlots, No. 2 yellow, old, 81@82½c; steamer yellow, old, 80½@81; new yellow, as to quality, 60@70; new cob, per 70 pounds, 67@68.

Oats—No. 2 white, 54@54½c; standard white, 53@53½; No. 3 white, 52½@53.

Butter—Western, solid-packed creamery, fancy, special, 36c; extra, 34; extra firsts, 3"@33; firsts, 30@31; seconds, 26@28; nearby prints, fancy 37; average, extra, 35@36; firsts, 32@33; seconds, 28@30; jobbing sales of fancy prints, 42@44.

Eggs—Nearby extra, 42@44c per dozen; firsts, $12@12.30 per standard case, nearly current receipts, $10.80@11.40 per crate; Western and Southwestern, extra firsts, $12@12.30 per case; firsts, $10.80@11.40 per case, seconds, $7.20@7.80; Southern, $10.80@11.10 per case; candled and recrated fresh eggs, 47@49c; refrigerator eggs, according to quality, 21@27 per dozen.

Cheese—New York, full cream, earlier receipts, choice, 16c; do do, current make, choice, 15@15½; do do, fair to good, 14¼@14¾; do do, part skims, 8@13.

Live Poultry—Fowls, 12@14c; old roosters, 10@11; spring chickens, according to quality, 11@13; ducks, 13@14; geese, 13@14; guineas, weighing 2 pounds and over apiece, per pair, 60; do do, weighing 1½@1¾ pounds apiece, per pair, 50@55; do do, old, per pair, 40; turkeys, 12@16; pigeons, per pair, 15@18.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—No. 2 red spot and December, $1.17½; January $1.18⅜ nominal.

Corn—Contract, new, 68½c; steamer mixed, 66. Closing firmer; spot, 68½ nominal.

Oats—Standard white, 53@53¼c; No. 3 white, 52½@52¾.

Rye—No. 2 rye, Western $1.16@1.16½; No. 3 do, $1.14@1.14½; No. 4, do, $1.12@1.13; bag lots of nearby, as to quality, 95c@$1.02.

Hay—Timothy—No. 1, $20; No. 2, $17.50@18; No. 3, $15@16.50. Clover Mixed—Light, $18@18.50; No. 1, $17.50@18; No. 2, $16@17. Clover—Choice, $20; No. 1, $19.50; No. 2, $16@17.50; No. 3, $12@14.50. Sample hay, as to kind, quality and condition, $10@13.50.

Straw—Straight Rye—No. 1, $14@14.50; No. 2, $13@13.50. Tangled Rye—No. 1, $10@11; No. 2, $8.50@9. Wheat—No. 1, $8; No. 2, $7@7.50. Oat—No. 1, $9.50@10; No. 2, $8@8.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 34@34½c; creamery, choice, 32@33; creamery, good, 30@31; creamery, prints, 33@35; creamery, blocks, 32@34½; ladles, 22@23; Md. and Pa., rolls, 22@23; Ohio, rolls, 21@22; W. Va., rolls, 20@21; storepacked, 19; Md., Va. & Pa., dairy prints, 20@21.

Eggs—Maryland and Pennsylvania, nearby, firsts, 36c; Western, firsts, 36; West Virginia, firsts, 35; Southern, firsts, 34.

Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens, 4 lbs. and over, 14c; do, do, small to medium, 13; do, old roosters, 10; do, young, smooth and fat, 14; do, do, rough and poor, 13. Ducks—Muscovy, 3 lbs. and over, 13; do, Pekings, 3 lbs. and over, 14; do, puddle, 3 lbs. and over, 13; do, smaller, 12; do, Indian Runners, 12. Geese—Nearby, 14@15; do, Western and Southern, 13. Pigeons—Young, per pair, 20; do, old, 20. Guinea fowl—Young, 1½ lbs. and over, each, 35; do, do, smaller, 25. Turkeys—Young, 9 lbs. and over, per lb. 18@19; do, do, small and thin, 13@14; do, old, 17@18.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, choice, 18@19c; do, fair to good, 16@17; do, rough to poor, 13@14. Chickens—Choice young, 14@15; do, old and mixed, 13@14; do, old roosters, 10@11. Ducks, 14@15. Geese—Nearby, 14@15; do, Western and Southern, 13.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.—Hogs—Bulk, $7@7.30; light, $6.70@7.40; mixed, $6.80@7.40; heavy, $6.75@7.40; rough, $6.75@6.90; pigs, $5.25@7.40.

Cattle—Christmas beeves, $11@13; native steers, $5.70@10.85; Western steers, $5.25@8.40; cows and heifers, $3.25@8.50; calves, $6.50@9.25.

Sheep—Sheep, $5.40@6.50; yearlings, $6.50@7.75; lambs, $6.75@8.65.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Hogs—Bulk, $7@7.15; heavy, $7@7.20; packers and butchers', $7@7.22½; light, $6.85@7.22½; pigs, $6.25@6.85.

PROBABLY COULD DO WORK

Soldier's Occupation in Civil Life Certainly Should Have Fitted Him for the Job.

Real war conditions sometimes give rude shocks to the professional soldier trained to arms in the well-ordered days of peace. Here is a case in point. A Prussian Landwehr company was being mustered into service and there were many things to be done. Uniforms, equipment, rifles, were to be distributed, rolls prepared, reports made out, and quartermaster's lists checked up. The captain had his hands full. He ordered his first sergeant to find a noncom. who could write neatly and figure a little. The first sergeant was equal to the emergency. Corporal Kammermeyer was promptly summoned the crisply detailed for duty as company clerk. The corporal reported to the captain, who looked him over with a mixture of wonder and distrust.

"So you can figure, corporal," he said.

"A little, sir, at your service."

The captain still looked dubious.

"What is your trade in civil life, anyway?" he said.

"I am professor of mathematics, captain," was the reply.

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Had Debts of His Own.

Nodd—Here's a list of European war debts. Don't they stagger you?

Todd—Well, they might, old man; but I've just been looking over my monthly accounts.—Life.

Failures as Stepping Stones.

John Wanamaker, in a recent address in Philadelphia, urged his audience to persevere.

"Every successful man," he said, "has probably had more failures, far more failures, than the nonentity has had.

"Success, after all, is nothing more than failure with a new coat of paint."

Poor Burglar.

"A burglar got into my house about three o'clock this morning when I was on my way home from the club," said Jones.

"Did he get anything?" asked Brown.

"I should say he did get something," replied Jones. "The poor devil is in the hospital. My wife thought it was me."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Distorted Vegetarianism.

"So long as you find the cost of living high," said the friendly adviser, "why don't you and your husband become vegetarians?"

"What do you mean?" asked the worried-looking woman.

"Why, eat only vegetable products."

"Couldn't think of it. What I'm tryin' to do now is to persuade John to take to beefsteak and quit tryin' to live on liquor and tobacco."

Travesty on Real Falstaff.

Yarmouth has a claim upon all Englishmen quite independently of its associations with the breakfast bloater, remarks a writer in St. Nicholas. For it was the home of Shakespeare's Falstaff, who appears to have been a man of exemplary piety. The Falstaffs were an old Yarmouth family.

"A Falstolfe or Falstaff," writes John Richard Green, "was bailiff of Yarmouth in 1281. Another is among the first of its representatives in parliament, and from that the members of that family filled the highest municipal offices. John Falstolfe, a man of considerable account in the town, purchased lands at the close of the fourteenth century in Caistor, and became the father of Sir John Falstolfe, who, after a distinguished military career, was luckless enough to give his name to Shakespeare's famous character. In Yarmouth, however, he was better known as a benefactor to the great church of St. Nicholas.

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THE CENTRE REPORTER.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1914

SHORTAGE AFTER THEFT.

Looting of Unlocked Postal Safe Discloses a Deficiency.

Charged with embezzling approximately $700 of postal funds, Postmaster William E. Cherry, aged thirty-five of East Altoona, was arrested and held in $1000 bail for a hearing.

Postoffice Inspector William R. Calvert was notified that the East Altoona postoffice had been burglarized and $500 stolen from an unlocked safe. He examined Cherry's books and says he found that money had been taken for three months and false balances carried. In all $563 had been taken from the money order fund and the balance from the general fund.

When Cherry returned from a hunting trip he was arrested. He has been postmaster at East Altoona three years. The office is to be abolished December 31 and made a branch of the Altoona office.

Calvert believes the robbery was planned to cover up the shortage.

$3000 for Nimrod's Widow.

During November of last year John Haines, while hunting rabbits with neighbors in Snyder county, was accidentally shot and killed by M. L. Kreeger of Swineford. Later Mrs. Haines and several children became charges of Penn township, in that county, and as a result of this a suit for $3000 damages was instituted by the widow, and a jury last week awarded her that sum.

Linden Hall

Mr. and Mrs. John Diehl of Millmont last week spent a few days here.

Forest Miller went to Pittsburg on Saturday for a week's visit among friends.

Mrs. S E Sharer spent a few days last week with Mrs. James Swab.

Miss Maud Miller was a guest at the home of her sister, Friday and Saturday.

Carrie, the oldest of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cummings, who had been seriously ill with tonsilitis, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stover, of Philadelphia, who were here for the funeral of the latter's father, James Searson, returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. Strunk and daughter Thurtle grandson spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. James Osman. Harry Osman of Harrisburg also spent a few days with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Coble of Youngstown, Ohio, are spending the holiday season with their parents here.

Mrs. Alpheus Wolf of Baltimore, Maryland, is spending the holidays with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Noll.

Miss Irene Ross, who recently completed a three years' training course for nurses in the Altoona hospital, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J H. Ross.

John Reifenyder, the miller in the J. H. Ross mill, while working about the corn breaker, accidentally had his left hand caught in the machinery with the result that the little finger was torn off.

Aaronsburg.

Milton Bright and family of Rose Hill, Iowa; John Bright and family of Nankin, Ohio, are guests of their sisters, Mrs. Mary Bower, Mrs. Annie Bower and Mrs. Minnie Bright.

Howard Tomlinson, who spent the past year in the western states, returned to the parental roof for the winter.

William Summers and family of Clearfield are visiting Mr. Summers' mother, Mrs. Leitzell, and sisters, Mrs. Ida Tomlinson, Mrs. Lottie Stover and Miss Annie Summers.

Mrs. Bella Stahl Smith of Milton was the very welcome guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Stahl, at the home of Mrs. Deshler.

The pupils in the public schools have vacation this week and they are making good use of the time.

Zwingli Haffley made a business trip to Altoona on Tuesday.

Thomas Hull, who is employed at State College, is here to remain with his family over Christmas.

Miss Ardenna Harman, who has a good position in New York City, is spending a few weeks at her home at this place.

Mrs. Leroy Mensch and baby of Penn Hall is spending a few weeks at the home of Robert Mensch.

Horace Stover came home to spend Christmas with his wife and baby.

John Houtz, agent for aluminum ware, has had a rushing business.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Homan, who for several years have been living in California, are visiting friends in this place.

Christmas services this (Thursday) evening in the Reformed church. From eleven o'clock until after midnight there will be prayer service in the Lutheran church.

The rabbit season will come to a close one week from today (Thursday). It is permissable to hunt on Thursday. The past season has been a poor one for cottontails, fewer being bagged locally than for a number of years.

NEWS OF 1881.

Notes Taken From Files of The Centre Reporter of Thirty-four Years Ago.

March 3rd—A cold and raw blizzard again on Tuesday.

We have again lost three of our aged citizens within the last few days. On the 21st, in Penn township, John Emerick, aged 73 years; on the 26th, his brother, George Emerick, near town, aged 78, and on the 13th, near Farmers Mills, John Taylor, aged 69.

They claim to have discovered gold up at Lemont. We do hope it will not turn out to be iron pyrites.

John Emerick, whose death occured on the 26th, had taken out an insurance policy of $1000 about three weeks before his death.

Married—On the 24th, at Centre Hall, by Rev. W. E. Fischer, Charles Bradford of Boalsburg and Miss Alice Mitterling of Tusseyville.

March 10th—The Y. M. C. A. of this place will hold a public meeting in the Loop church, next Sunday evening.

A terrible affliction has fallen upon the family of John Gingerich of Benner township. All of the children of the family—eight—are down with scarlet fever and two have already died.

Albert Mingle, or "Cap" as he is more familiarly called, who has been clerking at the Bee Hive, purchased an interest in Louis Doll's shoe store Bellefonte, and last Monday found him behind the counter all ready to serve customers.

REBERSBURG

The school teachers of this place are attending the teachers' institute at Bellefonte while the pupils are putting in their time coasting.

Wilmer Confer, son of Emanuel Confer, of Wolf's store entered D. K. Smull's blacksmith shop as an apprentice. Mr. Smull needs help very much as he is always crowded with work.

Jackson Ocker, a former resident of this place but now of Kaneville, Ill., is at present visiting here.

Last Monday the stork visited the home of Joseph Beckenbauch and left a wee little girl and on the following day he presented a plump baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Minnich. Thus we see that the stork is not idle these cold winter days.

Henry Detwiler, after an absence of several months, on Saturday returned to his family.

Samuel Gephart is critically ill at this writing.

The smiling face of C. O. Mallory was seen in town Saturday evening. Mr. Mallory had been on the sick list for the past two months and was unable to leave his country home.

Don't forget to attend the Christmas entertainment in the United Evangelical church Saturday evening. An excellent program has been prepared.

Misses Beatrice Crider, Emma Meyer, Florence Hazel, and Miriam Weaver, who are attending school away from home, are spending their Christmas vacation at their respective homes.

Samuel Yearick of near Madisonburg has rented the Thomas Walker farm, now occupied by John Stoner, and will move onto it in the spring.

Orvis Walker and wife of Petersburg are spending a week at this place among relatives. The couple were called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Walker's brother.

Curtis Bierly was appointed postmaster at Rebersburg. Next week the new official will move the postoffice to the residence of Mrs. Wolfort, where a room has been rented for that purpose.

Charles Waite, who is employed at Lewisburg in the milk condensary, is spending his Christmas vacation at this place.

Samuel Long of Ohio is at present visiting old acquaintances in this place.

PENN HALL.

Miss Ethel Hettinger is spending a week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Musser, at Columbia.

James Herring of Altoona, a retired shop man, visited friends and relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shook, Mrs. Kresmer, and Florence Barge visited at the home of Philip Shook, near Madisonburg, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ulrich of Milesburg came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Musser, Mrs. Ulrich's parents, and after being there for a short time a big bouncing boy arrived. They are all wearing a broad smile since the arrival of the son and grandson.

While the teachers are enjoying the sessions of institute the school children are fully as happy because of the vacation period.

Mrs. Sarah Hartman is in Williamsport the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Swarm, where she will remain for a few weeks.

Here like elsewhere in Central Pennsylvania we are having cold weather. There is also good sleighing in this section.

Rumor has it that there will be a double wedding at Penn Hall in the near future.

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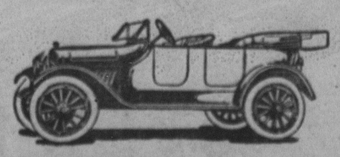

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